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Taipo dep.	7.17	9.11	9.51	11.01	12.34	1.49	5.08	6.03
Taipo Market dep.	7.22	9.16	9.56	11.06	12.39	1.54	5.13	6.07
Fanling dep.	7.33	9.27	10.07	11.17	12.50	2.05	5.23	6.17
Sheung Shui dep.	7.38	9.32	10.12	11.22	12.55	2.10	5.27	6.21
Shum Chun arr.	7.44	9.38	10.18	11.28	13.00	2.16	5.33	6.27

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Fanling dep.	7.33	8.18	9.38	10.48	11.51	3.10	4.49	5.23
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Taipo dep.	7.47	8.34	9.54	11.03	12.07	3.27	5.08	5.37
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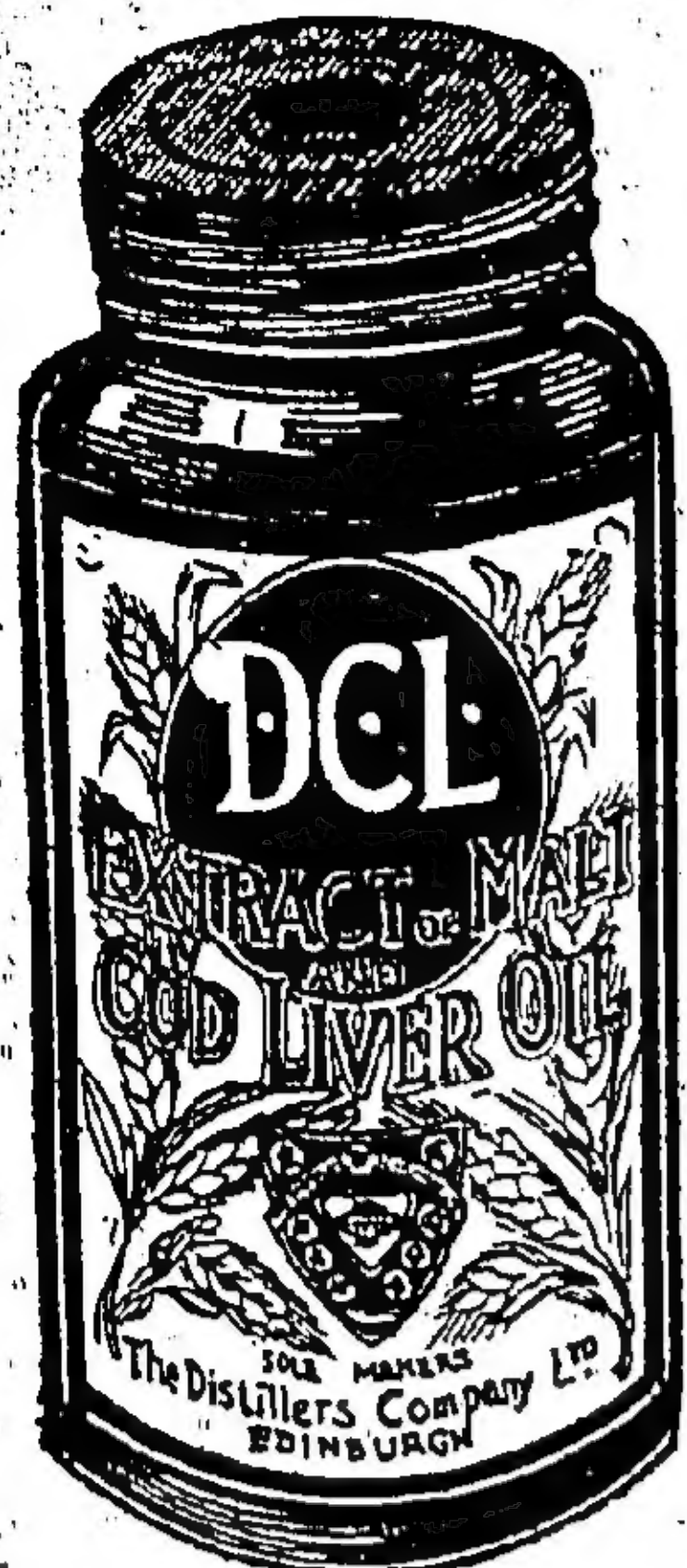
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THE SALE OF A CHINA RACING PONY. INTERESTING ACTION AT TIENTSIN.

An interesting action has been tried at a session of H.M. Supreme Court at Tientsin. Mr. H. E. Arnold brought an action against Mr. A. H. Mackay claiming rejection of a pony named "Why Not" which he purchased in March last from the defendant for Tls. 2,000, or failing that, the return of the purchase money together with the cost of the keep of the animal. The pony was shipped to Shanghai, but on arrival there it was found to be "tucked up." This at the time was attributed to the animal having been cramped up on the voyage. As it continued like this for a month the new owner had it examined by veterinary surgeons. Dr. Keylock found the pony to be 10 years of age (and not 7 as it had been represented to be). He did not know at the time that there was any trouble about the pony; he merely examined him as if it was a question of purchase and discarded him for lameness. He was lame in both forelegs. When he examined him on the second occasion the lameness was most pronounced in the off foreleg, and the pony had marked symptoms of osteoporosis, a disease of the bone characterized by enlargement, softening and increased fragility of the bones. The lower jaw was permanently enlarged, due, witness believed, to the same disease. The disease was the primary cause of the lameness, and it was highly probable that if the animal was lame in Tientsin it was due to the same cause.

Cross-examined, Dr. Keylock said that the disease could be developed in two months, and could have developed between March 25th (when the pony was dispatched from Tientsin to Shanghai) and witness's first examination. He decided that the pony was 10 years old by the shape of the teeth and their wear. The idea that ponies which had been brought up in sandy country appeared much older than they were, was much exaggerated, but it might have some effect. This would not be enough to make a difference of more than a year. In his opinion about 10 to 11 years of age was the best period of a China pony.

Dr. James Edgar confirmed that the pony was suffering from disease on August 2nd when Dr. Keylock made his examination. Evidence as to the purchase of the pony was given by William Hill, who said he rode races for Mr. Arnold. He had thought he could rely on Mr. Mackay's statement that the pony was absolutely sound. Witness wrote to Mr. Mackay in one letter, "I note that you say he is absolutely sound." The animal was stiff when it arrived, and though it was not worked for 10 days it had not improved. After 10 days the pony was trotted. It could not gallop, and had not been able to do so since it had come to Shanghai. Witness did not ride "Why Not" himself, as he thought it might come down with him.

In cross-examination, Hill said he did not place reliance on the statement as to age. The younger the animal the more valuable for racing. He might agree with Dr. Keylock that a pony was best at 10 or 11 years as in some cases they were at their best at that age. If the hurt had been caused on the steamer, witness could have located it. He had no reason to doubt Mr. Mackay's statement as to the pony's career, but if he had seen the animal he would not have given Tls. 50 for it. Hill did not think the lameness had developed since "Why Not" was sent, as he had heard rumors that he had been lame before, and unable to race. He did not know what the lameness was, so could not answer the question as to whether the lameness could have developed after the animal was shipped from Tientsin.

Dr. Pratt, in evidence, also said that he was quite sure the pony was 10 years old. A pony got its full set of teeth at 5 years, and the outside tooth changed at 6 years. After 6 years one could tell if a pony was 8 or 10 years, but it might be 8 or 10. Cross-examined, witness said he did not take into consideration the fact that the pony had been brought up in a sandy district, and he did not think that fact made the slightest difference in the appearance of the teeth.

A Chinese trainer and mafao also deposed that the pony was lame when it arrived, and was still lame. It was impossible to gallop the animal.

Dr. Hoch, a veterinary surgeon, called by the plaintiff, gave an explanation of osteoporosis. It was, he said, a disease of the bone caused by the absence of lime. It rendered the bone soft, spongy and fragile.

Mr. Kent: Had the disease been latent in the animal when it was in Tientsin do you think that the journey would be liable to bring the disease out?

Witness said that he would be able to tell the age of a pony by means of the appearance without any difficulty.

Mr. Kent: If the horse was all right, and with no sign of the disease in 1922, would it be possible for it to have a permanent enlargement of the jaw six months later?—Yes, quite possible. They take different times to develop the disease.

What does that depend on?—Well, if the animal was in a low marshy place it would develop osteoporosis quickly as the grass has little lime in it.

And would it be possible for the animal to win a race when the disease was latent?—Yes, if it was just commencing.

Judge Grain: Can you tell us in what time it is possible for the disease to develop?—Perhaps six months.

It could not entirely develop during the four days' voyage?—No.

Tientsin witnesses, including Mr. K. E. Bissell, Mr. R. F. Stewart, Mr. S. A. Smith, Mr. Henry Lowthier, Mr. R. S. Davis and Mr. R. P. Sanderson gave evidence that the pony had not been lame before it left Tientsin. Mr. Davis admitted that he heard the pony was stiff on one occasion, but that was just before the

St. Leger, and he put it down to St. Leger talk. The pony was able to win the griffin's classical race of the year, and that showed it was a good animal. The Mongol who sold and bred the animal, which he sold for \$250, said he knew through his association with the animal that it was six years old when he sold it, and it reply to a further question said "you can tell the age from the teeth."

Mr. Kent (cross-examining): Wasn't \$250 a low price?—That is what we get. But it was a good animal—I don't know much about the poorness and goodness of the ponies.

Dr. John D. Moore, who gave evidence of having examined the pony before it was shipped to Shanghai, detailed his reasons for the opinion that the pony was seven years old. He said it was hard to tell the difference between the teeth of a horse 10 years of age, and he produced diagrams. He did not know how to account for the fact that three surgeons in Shanghai did not agree with him as to the age of the pony.

The Judge, summing-up, left it to the Jury to say whether there was a warranty as to the age and soundness of the pony, either or both.

The Jury agreed that there was a warranty both as to age and to soundness. They considered that the pony was over seven years of age, that the seller knew the purpose of the buyer in obtaining the animal, and that there was an implied guarantee that there was no implied guarantee that there was no implied guarantee that there was no implied guarantee.

His lordship accepted these findings as judgment for the plaintiff and made an order for the return of the pony and the refunding of Tls. 2,000, together with Tls. 210 for the animal's keep. If the pony was dead (the Court was unaware whether it was alive or not) damages would be assessed.

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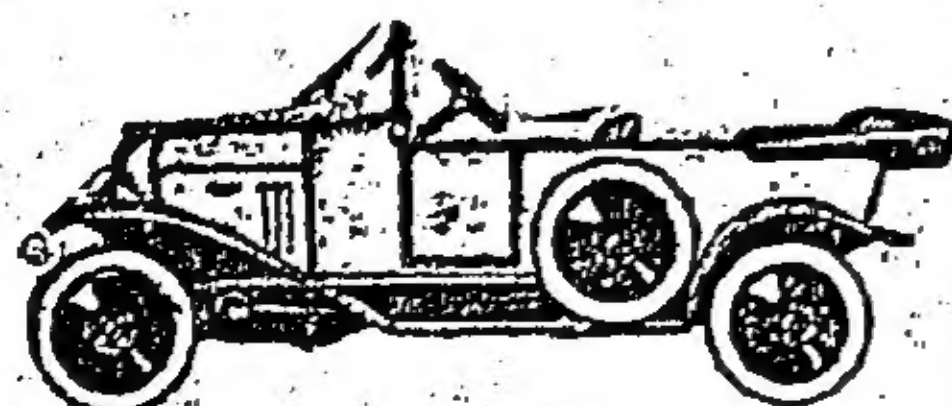
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JAPAN'S TRADE.

THE YEAR'S UNFAVOURABLE BALANCE.

The Tokyo *Nichi Nichi* comments in a desponding tone on the unfavourable balance of Japan's trade. Last year's foreign trade, says the Tokyo paper, shows a decrease of 13 per cent. in export and an increase of 5 per cent. in imports compared with the previous year, resulting in an excess of imports over exports to the amount of ¥330,000,000. This excess of imports is unprecedented and deserves the grave attention of the Japanese people. Since 1921 there has been a continuous excess of imports. In 1921, the excess was ¥260,000,000, and in 1922 it was ¥230,000,000. Many factors combined to bring the excess of imports over exports for last year to an unprecedented figure of ¥330,000,000, but whatever these factors may be, this alarming excess causes much apprehension for the future of the State. During the six years following 1914 Japan realised an aggregate excess of exports over imports to the tune of ¥1,610,000,000, but 70 per cent. of it was lost during the last three years through the adverse balance of the country's trade. The fact, coupled with the heavy loss the recent earthquake disaster inflicted upon this country, fills the *Nichi Nichi* with intense apprehension. Japan's foreign trade took a very normal course in the first half of last year, but it took an unfavourable turn about June, and this adverse tendency was accentuated as the year drew to an end. The raw silk market suffered a disastrous slump in consequence of the dulness of the American market. The anti-Japanese movement in China also wrought havoc with the exports of cotton cloth and yarn, machinery and matches. Britain's demand, for silk fabric, while there was a decrease in the exports of almost all staples, there was an increase in imports. There was an increased speculative purchase of fertiliser in anticipation of a rise in the price of rice, and a big increase was also recorded in the importation of wool and raw cotton. To crown all, reconstruction materials, such as timber and iron were imported in large quantities towards the year-end.

What is the prospect of the country's trade for the present year? The *Nichi Nichi* is not very optimistic. The raw silk market of America may somewhat revive, but a report from an official in America of the Kaito Dogyo Kumiai (Silk Traders' Guild) does not inspire much hope in this direction. The exports of silk yarn, cotton cloth and *habutae* do not give high promise either. The future of the match industry is viewed pessimistically, while electric wire and cement, for which some hopes were raised, are in such big demand at home as reconstruction materials that there seems to be left no margin for exports. All things considered, the *Nichi Nichi* says, this year may reach the same amount as last year. On the import side, it is to be expected that goods on which the import duty is either abolished or reduced, reconstruction materials and foreign rice will be imported in large quantities. To make the situation worse, the unfavourable exchange rate will cause a rise in the price of imports, thereby expanding the sum total of exports. The Government is devising measures for the prevention of exports to the best of its ability, but however hard it may try, Japan must import raw materials and other necessities, as well as reconstruction materials. The Tokyo journal fears that excessive endeavours on the part of the Government to reduce imports will have the effect of interfering with the export trade, as a rise in the price of raw materials resulting from such a course will make finished goods dearer. There is no panacea for saving the situation. The best remedy lies in combined efforts among the whole people to discard luxurious habits, confining the imports to raw materials and machinery for manufacturing purposes, concludes the Japanese paper—*Japan Chronicle*.

THE AIR COMBINE

NAMES OF GOVERNMENT DIRECTORS.

The Air Ministry recently announced that the agreement which has been entered into between the Government and the British Foreign and Colonial Corporation Ltd., for the establishment of an Imperial Air Transport Co. provides for the appointment of the Government of two directors to the board of the projected company.

The Government has decided to appoint Sir Herbert Hambling, deputy chairman of Barclays Bank, and Major J. W. Hills, formerly Financial Secretary to the Treasury, to be the Government directors, subject to the satisfactory selection of the company, and they will join the board after the allotment.

The new enterprise, in which four companies are to be merged, is to have a capital of £1,000,000, and will receive a Government subsidy of £1,000,000, spread over 10 years.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

JANUARY 31st, 1924.	
Hongkong and Shanghai	1150 1/2
Bank of China	236 1/2
Union Insurance	236 1/2
Douglas Steamships	157 1/2
H.K. & M. Steamships	248 1/2
"Star" Ferries	285 1/2
China Sugars	270 1/2
Kowloon Wharves	181 1/2
Whampoa Docks	167 1/2
Shanghai Docks	171 1/2
Hongkong Wharves	171 1/2
Hongkong Land	108 1/2
Hongkong Hotels	108 1/2
Ewo Cottons	124 1/2
Cement	320 1/2
Hongkong Paper	327 1/2
China Provision	327 1/2
Dairy Farms	324 1/2
Waterboats	317 1/2
Hongkong Electric	333 1/2
China Lights	174 1/2
Hongkong Tram	327 1/2

B.—buyers; S.—sellers; ex—excess.

SHANGHAI TRADE.

Messrs. Ilbert and Co.'s Piece Goods Market Report, dated January 25th, says—

Business is already closing down for the holidays as far as new buying is concerned, but clearances continue to be very fair under the circumstances. The tone of the market is quite steady, but the state of trade at the re-opening will depend largely upon the political situation between Kiangsu and Chekiang, regarding which there are fresh disturbing rumours again in circulation.

We print below a table showing comparative figures of cloth and yarn delivered from Shanghai in the years 1914 and 1923 respectively, to illustrate the tendency of the trade during the intervening period, and more especially the influence upon it of high costs of production in England and America. It will be immediately noticed that except in the case of Printed Cottons, Velvets, Dyed Plain and Fancy Figured Cottons, and Japanese Grey Shirtings and T. Cloths, there has been a more or less heavy falling-off all round in the amount of imported goods consumed, amounting in some cases to an almost entire disappearance of some items from the list such as English, Indian and American Drills.

The outstanding feature on the other hand is the remarkable volume of local Sheatings, Drills, Jeans and Cotton Yarn which have so largely replaced their composite numbers from overseas; a comparison of the increase in consumption of these as between the two years in question is unfortunately impossible, as no statistics regarding them were available in 1914, but some estimate may be drawn from the fact that there are to-day about 13,000 power looms working on plain cloths in China against something in the neighbourhood of 5,000 in 1914.

In this connection it would be extremely interesting if figures were procurable regarding the production in China of Fancy Woven Cloths both on hand and power looms, as it would almost certainly be found that these have to a great extent taken the place of several of the relatively dearer imported articles which show decreases on our list; at any rate, reports show that the traffic in these cloths is always substantial even at times when foreign goods are scarcely being moved at all.

The above remarks apply equally to cotton yarn, the Indian and Japanese varieties having declined 991,000 piculs while local yarn has increased in consumption by as much as 1,305,000 piculs.

English yarn, which has increased by 9,500 piculs, has been used in the manufacture of the native Fancy Cloths mentioned above, the weaving, dyeing and finishing of which is improving in quality all the time.

From the British manufacturer's point of view some consolation may be derived from these figures in the large increase in "Dyed Plain" and "Fancy Figured" Cottons, these having become increasingly popular in recent years, and the general appearance and workmanship of the Manchester makes being still without serious competitors.

It is interesting to note that the general insecurity and state of banditry throughout the country have not actually brought about any serious decrease in the quantity of cotton goods taken by the country, the total number of pieces of cloth and piculs of yarn consumed being as follows:—

	1914	1923
Cloth	12,278,552	11,927,391
Yarn	1,705,242	2,027,425

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, January 31st.

	Previous Day at 3 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 3 p.m.
Barometer	30.02	30.01	29.98
Temperature	63	61	62
Humidity	94	90	97
Wind Direction	E	E	E
Force	3	4	4
Weather	om	omd	omd
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.12

Highest open-air Temperature on 30th ... 63

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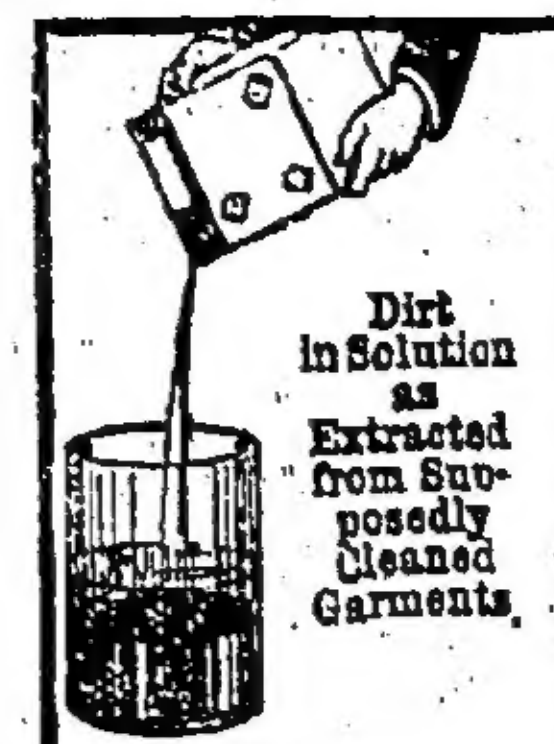
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CARGO THIEVES AT SHANGHAI.

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Nine coolies were charged at the Mixed Court at Shanghai last week, before Mr. A. J. Martin (British Assessor), and Magistrate Kuan with unlawfully taking away quantities of foreign cloth from the R. & O. s.s. *Kashmir* on January 31st.

Evidence as to observations kept on the accused and their subsequent arrest, having been given by a watchman and Deputy Supt. Woodfield, Chief Det.-Insp. Reeves, of the Settlement police, was called. He identified the fourth prisoner, who made a statement. This man gave the names of several other persons concerned. Witness made investigations and found a small room used as a special cargo compartment, this being about 25 square feet in size. It was filled with piece goods, about 150 rolls in all. He went into the galley and found 20 cases open and the contents taken out. Some had been ripped open and the thieves had made a bed for themselves about four feet square. Nearby were candles, bottles of wine, eating materials, and pieces of cloth which had been torn. This showed that the thieves had been on the ship for two days and had slept there.

On coming out witness saw their idea. It was to get out by a port door at low water when the door would be under the level of the wharf. Junks or ships could go under the wharf and there take away the cargo. The attempt was frustrated only by the fact that the door had rusted. The thieves had taken away one case and some pieces and several rolls. Had they been able to open the door, they would have got away with between \$15,000 and \$20,000 worth of the cloth which was bound for Kobe. Three cases had been opened, four were broken, and about 500 yards of cloth were stolen.

Statements were made by five other men, each implicating the others.

Accused were remanded for a week.

CAPT. BRANDT'S BODY LEAVES ICHANG.

WONDERFUL FAREWELL CEREMONY.

The *Tseng* brought the body of Captain Brandt down from Chungking to Ichang, and as the ship had been ordered to Shanghai, the best plan was for her to take the body right on with her, so that it might be interred where his wife and family are.

The steamer was due to leave for Shanghai on the forenoon of January 16th, but before she left a wonderful ceremony took place on board, which shows the great respect the pilots of the Upper Yangtze had for the deceased captain. More than 100 of these pilots, Reuter's correspondent says, went on board, and they had a table placed in front of the coffin, on which they had candles, etc., burning; each one of the pilots had a buttonhole, and when they took their final leave of him, they placed their buttonhole respectfully and lovingly on the coffin. Besides this, they had brought bombs and crackers with them, and these were let off in a lighter which was tied up alongside the steamer. All had apparently contributed to the expenses of this ceremony and it showed the esteem in which they held the deceased captain. He was a great favourite with them all and was a fluent speaker of the colloquial language, and so was able to be on terms of particular intimacy with them. Even the commander of the ship, who had worked with the late Captain Brandt for many years, was reduced to tears, as he thought of this, the final parting with an old friend.

When the ship weighed anchor and passed through the harbour all ships, both mercantile and naval, dipped their flags to her. And so were carried away from Chungking, the remains of one who was a part of the life of the port, and who has done much for the opening of the Upper Yangtze to steamer traffic, but who has been so foully murdered.

THE LOSS OF "L24"

EXCITING WARTIME INCIDENT RECALLED.

The loss of L. 24 recalls the exciting experience which its Commander, Lieut. Commander Eddis, had during the War as a junior officer, when the submarine E. 12 was destroyed by the Germans in Danish waters in August, 1915. The submarine was on its way to the Baltic, when it grounded off the Danish island of Saltholm. The Danish authorities gave her twenty-four hours to get off, but meantime several German destroyers appeared and opened fire on E. 12, which, being practically unable to reply, was soon afire. The Commander Eddis instructed the officers and men to take to the water, and, whilst swimming, they were fired on by the Germans with machine-guns and shrapnel. The Danish authorities sent vessels to interpose between the Germans and their victims, but only a few of the submarine's crew escaped, among them being Lieut. Commander Eddis, who ultimately landed on the island and was interned by the Danes.

FAMOUS MUSEUM ROBBED.

ART TREASURES IN BOLSHIEVSK'S FLAT.

The Petrograd Cheka, or Soviet secret police, recently raided the flat of Abram Keller, assistant curator of the Hermitage Museum, and found in it 1,535 art treasures of the famous museum. When the Bolsheviks seized power in Russia five years ago Keller was appointed to the Hermitage, to control the staff which the Bolsheviks retained. Members of the staff, noticing the most valuable exhibits disappearing, became suspicious, and several professors decided to keep a close watch. As a result they reported to agents of the Cheka that they had seen Keller carrying off various works of art. Keller, being a Communist, now faces a sentence of death for a betrayal of trust.

SPORT.

CRICKET.

K.C.C. v. CRAIGENGOWER.

In this League match at Kowloon tomorrow at 2.15 p.m., the home team will be composed of J. P. Robinson (capt.), A. W. Ramsay, R. E. Lindall, W. J. R. Foster, J. C. Fletcher, P. W. Howell, L. E. Lamart, R. Earnshaw, T. M. Cochrane and L. A. R. Duncan.

K.C.C. 2nd XI. v. C.R.C.

In this League match at Causeway Bay tomorrow at 2.15 p.m., the Kowloon XI will consist of H. Overy (capt.), E. J. Edwards, A. O. Brown, W. L. Weaver, A. R. F. Raven, A. J. Kew, R. Petherica, E. Savage, O. B. Raven, D. S. Green and J. A. Fraser.

H.K.C.C. "A" v. C.S.C.C. "A"

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club in a friendly match against the Civil Service C.C. on the Civil Service ground next Tuesday at 10.30 a.m.:—C. R. Baron, E. C. Hagen, H. E. Holland, P. Jackson, R. M. McAlpine, L. D. McNeill, D. E. G. Nicholson, J. A. H. Plummer, G. H. Piercy, Capt. R. F. Walker and M. M. Watson.

FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON F.C. v. H.M.S.

"DESPATCH"

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon F.C. in this League match to-morrow at 4 p.m. on the Hongkong Club ground:—Rasmussen; Morton and Knight; Howarth, Turner and Wheeler; Mason, Millard, Latham, Pasco and Duncan. Reserve: Leonard.

KOWLOON F.C. 2nd XI. v. H.M.S.

"TITANIA"

In this League match to be played on the Kowloon ground to-morrow at 2.30 p.m. the home team will consist of:—A. N. Oiler, Oliver and Urquhart; A. W. Brown, W. H. Brown and Randle; East, Vickers; Spary, Sibley and Haylock. Reserves: Taylor and Chapman.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS.

Three men were brought before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon in connection with charges of having, in their possession, a revolver without permission of the Captain Superintendent of Police.

It appears that the police at Shum Shai Po, following upon two armed robberies in that district, sent out detectives to search the vicinity. On a vacant plot of ground in Tai Nam Street the defendants were found sleeping. Under one of their beds, placed under an awning, a revolver was found and all three men were arrested.

The Magistrate ordered the defendants to be committed to the Criminal Sessions for trial.

MARINE MAGISTRACY.

FOUR CONVICTIONS.

Four cases of a minor character came before the Marine Magistrate (Lieut. Cdr. Conway Hake, R.N.R.), yesterday. Ling Hi Fat, owner of a cargo boat, pleaded guilty to depositing rubbish in the harbour on January 30th.

Sub-Inspector Bond said that defendant's boat was crossing the Harbour towards Stonecutters Island with load of building material, which was being dumped from both sides of the boat all the way across.

Defendant was fined \$10 or 14 days' with hard labour.

Leung Hing, owner of the steam launch *Wing Fat* pleaded guilty to failing to observe the rule of the road in the Harbour. He had been previously convicted of a similar offence. Fined \$15 or 14 days' with hard labour.

Leung Shu Tau, master of the steam launch *Wo Shan*, pleaded guilty on a similar charge. Fined \$10 or 14 days' with hard labour.

Chau Kam Yan, a cargo boat master, pleaded guilty to carrying seven passengers in excess of his license. P.C. Bradwell said he saw the sampan in the Southern Fairway, called her alongside, and discovered 19 passengers aboard. The license allowed for 12. There had been a previous conviction for a similar offence. Fined \$5 or 7 days' with hard labour.

COMPANY REPORT.

NEW ENGINEERING WORKS, SHANGHAI.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works, Ltd., held last week it was announced that the profit for the year including the carry forward from 1922 amounted to Tls. 232,000.49 and it was decided that the shareholders be recommended to apportion this amount as follows:—

To pay preference share dividend at 8 per cent.	120,000.00
To pay a dividend of 5 per cent. on the ordinary shares	52,500.00
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that An EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD., will be held at THE HONGKONG HOTEL, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of FEBRUARY, 1924, at 2.30 o'clock in the AFTERNOON, when the subjoined Resolutions will be proposed as Extraordinary Resolutions:—

- "That the authorised Capital of the Company (which is now \$5,000,000 consisting of 500,000 Shares of the nominal value of \$10 each whereof 375,000 have been issued) be increased from \$5,000,000 consisting as aforesaid to \$10,000,000 (consisting of 1,000,000 Shares of the nominal value of \$10 each) by the creation of 500,000 additional Shares of the nominal value of \$10 each (subject as hereinafter mentioned) as from date of allotment for dividend and in all other respects *pari passu* with the Shares constituting the Company's present issued capital."
- "That in the first instance 375,000 Shares be offered at par (in the proportion of one New Share for every one Old Share held by them respectively) to the persons who on the date of the confirmation of this Resolution as a Special Resolution are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the 375,000 Old Shares, and so that on acceptance of the offer the nominal amount due in respect of such 375,000 New Shares shall be payable as to the sum of \$5 part thereof on acceptance of such offer and as to the balance thereof on the 30th day of June, 1924. And further that until such time as the said 375,000 New Shares shall be fully paid they shall *vis-à-vis* the said 375,000 Old Shares, rank for dividend only in proportion to the ratio borne by the amount paid up thereon to the full nominal value (\$10) thereof, and that any of the said 375,000 new Shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's Shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of in such manner as the Company's Board of Directors shall think fit."
- "That such offer be made by Notice specifying the number of Shares to which the member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted by the member on behalf of himself or his nominee will be deemed to be declined and that the Directors be at liberty to fix such time and in the case of Shareholders whose place of address is not in Hongkong to extend it to such date or dates as they may think fit."
- "That the balance of 250,000 Shares constituting the Company's Unissued Capital be issued at such time or times in such manner and for such purposes and upon such terms and conditions in every respect as the Company's Board of Directors may decide."
- "That the Regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the same place on THURSDAY, the 23rd day of FEBRUARY, 1924, at 2.30 o'clock in the AFTERNOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Proceedings of the above-mentioned Meeting and of confirming if thought fit as Special Resolutions the above-mentioned Resolutions.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 21st day of February, 1924, to Thursday, the 23rd day of February, 1924 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

The suggested new Articles of Association are similar to the old, subject to clerical alterations and to the following alterations of substance, viz:—

- The deletion from Article 71 of the words "and holding or representing by proxy not less than one-tenth of the issued Capital."
- The alteration of the minimum number of Directors to four and of the maximum number to seven.
- The alteration of the remuneration of Directors to payment at the rate of Four thousand dollars per annum and such sums as a General Meeting may determine instead of the fixed sum of Three thousand dollars per annum and such sums as a General Meeting may determine.
- The alteration of the quorum of Directors to three instead of two.
- The addition of Articles enabling the appointment by the Directors of a Local Board or Advisory Committee in any place at a remuneration to be fixed by the Articles and the appointment by the Directors of Local General Managers, Secretaries or other Assistants, delegates or Attorneys at a remuneration to be fixed by the Directors.
- The addition of an Article enabling the Company to have an Official Seal, and Local Registers in places outside the Colony.

A copy of the Articles of Association of the Company with the said alterations and amendments incorporated and indicated in red ink or red print can be seen during usual business hours at the Registered Office of the Company, Powell's Building, Des Vaux Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, and at the Shanghai Office of the Company in Hongkong Bank Building, Shanghai, in the Republic of China.

Dated the 31st day of January, 1924.

By Order of the Board,

PERCY H. SUCKLING,

Secretary.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

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WOMEN AND EDUCATION.

SIR WILLIAM BRUNYATE'S VIEWS.
HIS CONFIDENCE IN THE EDUCATION BOARD.

Sir William Brunyate made some interesting remarks at St. Paul's Institution (Anglo-French School), Causeway Bay, yesterday, on the occasion of the distribution of University certificates by Lady Brunyate.

It was, he said, the custom for who ever attended this function, to address some general remarks about Education. He gathered from some of the local newspapers that everyone did not have confidence in the Board of Education. Sir William had, and he did not intend to criticise their work. The Board understood children and the education of them.

Sir William trusted that Sister Beatrice and her very capable assistants would succeed in preparing as many girls as possible for higher education at the University.

"Whether," he continued, "girls should come to us [the University] was a wide question. Whilst he did not altogether believe in girls going in for a hard education, there was, nevertheless, plenty of room for educated women in this Colony, in China, and in the world at large. Because a woman was educated, it did not follow that she was any less attractive or lacked any of the charming qualities peculiar to women. It was now the custom to greet the educated woman as a normal being and not as a pioneer. She was just as attractive as was her grandmother. Women, at home, were taking a larger share in the activities of life, and they should prepare for a wider range of interest in this Colony. There were many problems which women were more fitted to tackle, whilst there were other problems with which women alone could grapple. (Applause.)

Concluding, Sir William returned thanks on behalf of Lady Brunyate and himself for the welcome accorded them, and added that this last visit to the Convent school—a visit paid on the eve of his departure from their midst—would also be recalled with distinct and sincere pleasure.

Lady Brunyate presented the University certificates, as follows:—
Matriculation.—Parrin Rottapjee.
Seniors.—Ernesta Remedios, Mary Pau, Iloise Xavier, Jean Foulds, Jean O'Hoy, Betty Steel, Francis Heysing, and Beatrice Hardwick.

Juniors.—Mamie Wallace (dist. in English), Jenny Whyte, Betty Laing, Agnes Tse, Lucy Tse, Emily Landolt, Agnes Pau, and Helen To.

The Lugard Scholarship for 1924.—May O'Hoy.

Special Test Prize.—Matilda Sloan.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.
The annual report was read by Father Valtorta. The following extracts are made from it:—

The highest number on the rolls in the years 1923 and 1924 respectively was 212 and 242. These figures show a very fair increase in the numbers, and I am glad to say that in 1923 there has been a notable improvement in the daily average attendance especially in the lower classes. In accordance with the desire of the Inspector of English Schools, a new teacher was engaged in January, 1923, for the Chinese Preparatory Class. This class which is taught separately then counted from 15 to 20 pupils, the actual number at present is 40. This increase shows the great desire of the Chinese girls to study the English language.

At the University local examinations, 18 girls were presented. One girl passed the matriculation, and eight obtained Senior certificates. Out of nine Juniors presented, eight passed, one obtaining distinction in English. The total number of passes was, therefore, 17.

In my Report, last year, I mentioned that we had hopes that the University would soon be able to count among its women students some pupils from the French Convent. These hopes are being realised, as there are now two students from the French Convent who have entered the University, one for the Faculty of Medicine and the other for the Faculty of Arts, and I trust that there are others on the way.

The annual inspection of the school took place in the month of October and the report of Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, was highly satisfactory. The Report thanked Sir William and Lady Brunyate who are leaving the Colony very soon, for the kind interest they have shown to the school.

An excellent musical programme included the following items:—
"Valse Brillante," Misses S. Gain and L. Silva Netto.
"Rosebuds," The Pupils.
"Only Seven," Miss E. Barr.
"Mow-Lowals," Misses L. Shearer and R. Li.
"Poppies," The Pupils.
"Street Cries," The Pupils.
"The Minuet," Misses E. Barr, A. Steel and B. Pestonji.
"The Dances," Misses I. Duncan, Z. Bersey, D. Smith and D. Leach.
"Japanese Dance," The Pupils of Miss V. Capell.
"Le Carnaval de Venise," The Pupils.
"Thanks and Good-bye," Miss E. Barr.

A large gathering of parents and friends included Mr. Mackintosh, Father Robert, Inspector Ralphs, Father Souvey, Mr. Morlangay and others. Mr. Irving (Director of Education) was unavoidably detained.

SEQUEL TO SHOPKEEPERS FAILURE.

CREDITORS' UNAUTHORISED SALE OF TENANCY.

A little shopkeeper failed in business. He absconded. His creditors took possession of the premises and held an auction. In addition to the goods, the creditors sold the tenancy. But this had already been surrendered by the defaulting tenant to the landlord. Kwong Tak Cheong, the man who attended the auction and bought the tenancy, apparently under the impression that he had made a *bona fide* deal, refused to vacate the premises. As a result he was sued for possession in the Summary Court yesterday before His Honour the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz).

Mr. M. M. Watson appeared for the landlords, the Kat Cheung firm. Judgment, said Mr. Watson, had already been obtained against the absconding shopkeeper (Shiu Sing) on the ground of his non-payment of rent and the fact that he had, in two letters, consented to deliver up possession of the premises.

It was then explained how the creditors seized the place when Shiu Sing disappeared. His Honour said it was quite clear that Kwong Tak Cheong could not be regarded as a tenant of the Kat Cheung firm, and defendant would have to give up possession.

Judgment was entered accordingly.

JUROR FINED.
\$10 FOR LATE ARRIVAL.

The Juror (Mr. J. P. Tavares) who arrived late in the Summary Court on Wednesday and who, on arrival, was kept in Court throughout the sitting, was yesterday fined \$10 by the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz).

HEAVY FINES.
POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION.

The revenue benefited to the extent of \$2,000 in two cases which came before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy, yesterday morning, in which two men were fined \$1,500 each for unlawfully having in their possession quantities of ammunition.

In one case a man, who described himself as a laundry man, had 50 rounds of ammunition in a purse in his inside pocket. He was arrested on board the s.s. *Proletaires*. In the other case, a cook was arrested on the s.s. *President Jackson* with 42 rounds of ammunition wrapped up in a parcel in his possession. He made the usual excuse that he did not know what the parcel contained, adding that it was given to him by a clansman in America to take back to China.

In the case of another man who was found in possession of 100 rounds of ammunition on board the s.s. *Nanyo Maru*, a sentence of six months' hard labour was ordered by Mr. Orme. In this case it was stated by Inspector Blackman that the quarter-master suspected the defendant when he came on board. He followed him into the hold and later the matter was reported to the Chief Officer who, on searching a basket belonging to the defendant, found the ammunition.

THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE.
A NEW VENTURE.

The Educational Institute, which was commenced last April with Mr. K. C. Young as Headmaster, held its first annual prize distribution last evening at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., when Mrs. R. A. D. Forrest, wife of Mr. Forrest (Inspector of Vernacular Schools) presented the prizes.

The Headmaster in his report stated that the Institute was founded for the specific purpose of preparing boys for local examinations. As the Institute started with an insufficient number of students, only one class was formed—junior class. Later on in September it was thought fit to add to this a preparatory class, which was the equivalent of Class 3 in the day schools. The two classes were run simultaneously to the end of the year.

The total number of students enrolled was 39 and the average daily attendance was 17.3. This, the Headmaster did not think discouraging. The teaching staff is composed of Mr. K. C. Young, B.Sc., Mr. I. T. Pun, B.Sc., one drawing teacher (Mr. K. T. Lee), and a vernacular master (Mr. Yau Ching Him). Mr. K. L. Chan, M.A., later joined the staff and rendered valuable help.

In certain branches of work the pupils attained a higher standard of efficiency than required to obtain a "pass" some of the students gaining distinction in several subjects. For the junior local examination held in November last eight of the students entered and six were successful. One obtained distinction in mechanics and arithmetic and another distinction in drawing.

Generally speaking for such a new school these results were considered satisfactory. The discipline of the students was quite good.

Mr. Forrest briefly thanked the Headmaster for the honour accorded to Mrs. Forrest in asking her to present the prizes. The school, he said, was formed for the purpose of preparing pupils for the junior and senior local and the matriculation examinations. Owing to the short existence of the school it was too soon yet to estimate its success, but he felt sure that under the able guidance of Mr. Young, ably assisted by Mr. Pun, it would be a great assistance to pupils. He thought the examination results very creditable and he hoped that the senior class when it was formed, would meet with the same success as the junior class. (Applause.)

The prize distribution was followed by a concert, which was much appreciated by the large gathering of Chinese.

DANCE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency and Lady Stubbs gave another dance at Government House last night. About 500 guests were invited.

The introduction of guests was made at the head of the stairway leading to the ball room by Captain R. Neville, A.D.C. The ball and supper rooms were decorated with pink and white dahlias.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief's Royal Marine Band, from H.M.S. *Hawkins*, played during the evening.

Following is a list of guests:—
Miss Addis, Miss R. Addis, Lieut. Charles Addis, Lieut. H. E. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. T. Arthur, Dr. Dalmahy Allan, Surg.-Comdr. G. P. Addishead, Lieut. C. E. Abelson, Captain A. Aliington, Sub-Lieut. P. Agnew.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. M. Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Brodie, Miss Butterworth, Sir W. and Lady Brunyate, Comdr. C. E. Brooke, Mrs. Buchanan, Mr. D. G. Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brown, Captain C. J. F. Bessley, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bell, Capt. E. Brockman, Comdr. L. H. B. Bevan, Mr. R. E. O. Bird, Miss H. Brown, Lieut. F. Scott Bell, Lieut. V. R. F. Bowly, Mr. L. R. Blacking, Mr. C. H. Blason, Mr. T. C. T. Beck, Miss Barton, Mr. C. H. Bell, Lieut. R. Beuchamp, Mrs. C. Blaker, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Benson, Lieut.-Comdr. H. F. Besant.

Hon. Sir Paul and Lady Chater, Hon. Mr. Harold T. Creasy, Mr. Percy Cox, Miss Cubitt, Major R. C. Campbell, Miss Helena Calvert, Capt. and Mrs. Chippindall, Miss Cryle, Capt. Mrs. and Miss Collison, Lieut. R. N. Creswell, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Chubb, Sub-Lieut. E. W. Colegrave, Mr. A. K. Cobb, Comdr. Stefano Carraro.

His Honour Sir William and Lady Rees-Davies, Capt. and Mrs. G. C. Dickens, R.N., Miss E. M. Dawson, Miss de D. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Miss Dury, Lieut. T. H. Dickson, Lieut. and Mrs. C. E. Dodd, Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. Drollette, Mr. and Mrs. J. Duncan, Lt.-Col. R. H. Darwell, Lieut. C. H. Drage.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Edkins, Lieut. I. Farrant, H.E. Major-General Sir John and Lady Fowler, Mrs. Fraser, Lieut. E. C. Frederick, Mr. D. Fitz-Gerald, Miss E. F. Ford.

Commodore and Mrs. Edgar Grace, Miss Grace, The Misses Grace, His Honour Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gompertz, Mr. A. C. Groves, Miss Geoghegan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Holt Gale, Mr. and Mrs. Y. M. Grayburn and Miss Higgs, Lt.-Comdr. Mrs. Green, Mr. and Mrs. U. C. Galluzzi.

Hon. Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Holyoak, Miss Joyce and Miss Dorothy Holyoak, Capt. G. Hopwood, O.B.E., R.N., Capt. and Mrs. R. Hamilton, R.N., Lieut. H. L. C. Hall, Miss Phyllis Higgs, Capt. E. S. Hey, Lieut.-Comdr. Conway Hake, R.N.R., Major E. S. Halford, Mr. and Mrs. H. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hollands, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Haskett, Surg.-Lieut. A. H. Harkins, Lt.-Comdr. F. E. S. Hutton, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hyland, Hegarty, Major and Mrs. O. I. Horton, Eng.-Lieut. L. Hodge, Lieut. O. J. Horton, Surg.-Comdr. W. L. Hawkins.

Hon. Mr. E. Irving, The Misses Irving, Miss O. C. Jenkins, Miss Jordan, Mr. E. Judd.

Hon. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kemp, Miss Kennedy, Mr. L. H. King, Surg.-Comdr. J. D. Keir, Miss Kisson, Comdr. H. E. Kimmel (U.S.N.), Capt. Kieren (U.S.N.) and Mrs. Kieren.

H.E. Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson, K.C.B., and Lady Leveson, Miss Leveson, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lambert, Lieut. S. G. Lamb (U.S.N.) and Mrs. G. Lamb, Mr. L. M. S. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. L. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Lucey, Lt.-Comdr. H. C. Legge, Hon. Mr. A. O. Midn. Hedworth Lambton, Miss E. K. Le Mesurier.

Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer, Miss McDonnell, Miss Munro, Mr. and Mrs. Meacock, Lieut. G. Menzies, Mr. H. C. Millett, Mr. and Mrs. A. McKichan, Miss Maer, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McCloy, Pay-Lieut. W. McBride, Eng.-Comdr. R. Montgomery, Miss D. C. Macintyre, Lieut. Comdr. H. B. McCleary (U.S.N.), Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McCleary, Comdr. H. W. McCormack (U.S.N.) and Mrs. H. W. McCormack.

Mr. R. A. C. and Miss North, Lieut.-Comdr. and Mrs. Langham Noakes, Miss Nicholl, Lt.-Col. W. Nicholson, Miss M. W. Newsholme, Mr. and Mrs. E. Newhouse, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Nightingale, Mr. H. A. Nisbet, Mr. and Mrs. Nihill, Mr. J. S. B. Nicoll, Mr. W. Nicholson.

Pay-Comdr. G. B. Osborne, Major Oates, Eng.-Captain and Mrs. F. B. O'Dogherty, Lieut. H. Kendall Oram, R.N., Capt. and Mrs. Oxeping.

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., and Mrs. H. E. Pollock, Lieut. A. Peckey, R.N., Mr. F. A. Perry, Mr. J. J. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Eldon Potter, Pay-Comdr. and Mrs. V. O. Padwick, Miss G. C. Phillips, R.N., Mr. J. W. Platt, Lieut. N. L. Piani, R.N., and Mrs. N. L. Piani and Miss Warrington, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Parker, Mr. C. G. Perdue, Lieut. L. W. Peddred, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. and Miss Phelps, Mr. J. Norman Parker, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Prosser, Major and Mrs. R. S. S. Paton, Major and Mrs. F. H. Phillips, Comdr. A. G. Peace, D.S.O., R.N., Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pearce, Miss Peckey, Miss Plenissal, Dr. and Mrs. Pearce, Mr. J. T. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. Plummer, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Plummer, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Plordien, Major and Mrs. E. A. Penay, Capt. U. Ruckle.

Lt.-Col. W. B. Roberts, D.S.O., Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Redmond, Mr. and Mrs. Ram, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ralston, Mr. and Mrs. James Reid, Pay-Comdr. A. C. Roe, Lieut. O. W. Richards, Capt. G. H. Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Roffey, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ross, Mr. E. Ralphs, Mr. R. Rodenfufer, Lieut. J. D. Ross, R.N., Miss D. C. Robertson, R.N., P. Q. Roberts, R.N., Lieut. R. Roundell, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Reed.

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CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(BEFORE HIS HONOUR THE PUISNE JUDGE (MR. JUSTICE GOMPERTZ)).

HIGHWAY ROBBERY CHARGE FAILS.

The trial of a Chinese, named Mak Tin on charges of robbery was continued yesterday. Prisoner was alleged to have stolen (1) a suit of clothes; (2) \$6 from one Cheung Tim.

Prisoner pleaded not guilty.

Mr. H. K. Holmes prosecuted for the Crown, and Mr. Campbell Prosser defended.

An Indian police constable deposed to seeing two men, who first walked away and then ran when followed. The man in the dock, after a chase, was arrested. He was wearing blue clothing and a light brown felt hat. Witness recognised the hat produced in Court as the one prisoner was wearing.

Prisoner elected to go into the witness-box. On the afternoon of November 30th, after going to the Kowloon wharf to seek work, he went to a theatre, and then watched a game, which was not sure whether it was golf or hockey. After watching the game for a while, witness heard a police whistle. He did not know what the matter was, but he ran away. Witness was on the road then. Some policemen came up to him and accused him of stealing \$6 from a person. They searched him but found no money. He was then accused of having a firearm, but none were found on him. Witness said prisoner was wearing the same clothes as these he had on in Court.

Prisoner was found "not guilty," on both counts and discharged.

TWICE BITTEN.

EXPERIENCES OF A HUNGHOM MONEY-CHANGER.

The accountant of a money-changer's shop, at No. 157, Wuhu Street, Hunghom, when asked by Mr. Orme at the Magistracy, yesterday, what made him so careful in detecting an attempt to pass a false Singapore \$10 bill on to him, said that on two previous occasions fraudulent Singapore notes of the same denomination had been passed on to him. He went on to say that when the defendant in the case was caught the false note had been detected he bolted. A folio in the shop was ordered to give chase and the man was caught some 30 yards distant from the shop.

His Worship ordered the man to be sent to prison for three months.

Mrs. E. R. Remington, Major P. Racheleigh, Eng.-Lt.-Comdr. and Mrs. Robins, Surg.-Lieut. S. Rutherford, Mr. D. M. Ross, Lieut. A. G. Robinson (U.S.N.) and Mrs. A. G. Robinson, Comdr. Richardson (U.S.N.) and Mrs. Richardson.

Hon. Sir Claud and Lady Severn, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Stephen, Lt.-Col. Mr. and Mrs. W. Orpen Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sayer, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Smith, Schofield, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Smith, Comdr. M. Maxwell Smith, Capt. G. W. Smith, Lieut. T. M. Smith, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. R. Sutherland, Miss M. Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. R. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark, W. B. Shade, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Scott, Mr. W. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. J. Oram Sheppard, Mr. W. T. Stanton, Mr. O. W. Swire, Lieut. and Mrs. P. W. Southern, Mr. and Mrs. Shields, Capt. G. E. Swinton, Lieut. H. W. Sharpe, Eng.-Comdr. and Mrs. Sears, Miss Shaw, Lieut. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, Capt. and Mrs. A. W. Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Stubbings, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. M. Simpson, Lieut. D. A. Searle, Mr. J. R. Summers, Miss J. Summerskill, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Sequin Strahan, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. and Miss Sheppard, Lieut. O. S. G. Sheppard, R.E., Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Shellhear, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sim, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Scott, Mr. E. F. R. Sample, Mr. and Mrs. Middleton Smith.

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Hongkong, 1st February, 1924. [178]

MESSES. THOMSON & CO., Chartered Accountants, announce that they have This Day OPENED an OFFICE at 1A, DES VOUX ROAD, CENTRAL, Hongkong. Telephone No. Central 4618.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1924. [219]

NOTICE.

MESSES. DODWELL & CO., LTD., having relinquished the Agency of the OCEAN ACCIDENT & GUARANTEE CORPORATION, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MESSRS. GILMAN & COMPANY, LIMITED, have been appointed Agents in succession thereto.

OCEAN ACCIDENT & GUARANTEE CORPORATION, LTD.,
ALBERT C. HALL,
Manager and Attorney for the East.
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BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1913, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the TRANSACTION of PUBLIC BUSINESS on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 5th and 6th FEBRUARY, 1924.
Hongkong, 31st January, 1924. [282]

NAVY CONTRACTS 1924-1925.

SEALED TENDERS, in Duplicate, for the Supply of the Undermentioned Stores for H.M. Naval Service at Hongkong during the period 1st April, 1924, to 31st March, 1925, will be received by the COMMODORE, H.M. NAVAL YARD, until Noon on MONDAY the 2nd MARCH, 1924:—
Fresh Vegetables.
Soft Bread.
Rice.
Sugar.
Forms of Tender and any necessary information may be obtained on application to the VICTUALLING STORE OFFICER, H.M. NAVAL DEPOT, KOWLOON.
The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.
H.M. NAVAL DEPOT
Kowloon, January, 1924.

NATIONAL LOANS.

SUBSCRIBERS to the NATIONAL LOANS of the Third Year of the Republic (1914) and the Eleventh Year of the Republic (1922) are hereby notified that the following DRAWINGS for the redemption of the above LOANS will be held this year.

THIRD YEAR LOAN.

2nd June, 1924: 7th DRAWING (\$2,700,000 approx.) redemption begins 30th June.
1st December, 1924: 8th DRAWING (\$2,700,000 approx.) redemption begins 31st December.

It is to be noted that two Drawings of this Loan, instead of one, are being held this year in order to bring the redemption of the Loan and its extinction in 1925 into line with the schedule of amortisation prescribed by the Loan regulations.

ELEVENTH YEAR LOAN.

10th May, 1924: 3rd DRAWING (\$1,000,000) redemption begins 31st May.
10th November, 1924: 4th DRAWING (\$1,000,000) redemption begins 30th November.

The service of the above two Loans is conducted independently and forms no part of the National Consolidated Loan Service.

F. A. AGLEN,
Inspector-General of Customs,
Peking, 23rd January, 1924. [285]

S.S. "ANGERS"

SERVICES CONTRACTED DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from MARSEILLES & Co. in connection with above Steamers are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their own risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter. Goods remaining unclaimed after the 7th February, 1924, at Noon, will be subject to suit and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 10th February, 1924, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on Friday, the 8th February, 1924, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
R. RODENFUSER,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 31st January, 1924. [286]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Offices of the "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" have been removed to 1A, CHATER ROAD (3rd floor), to which Address all Correspondence should be directed.
Hongkong, 16th July, 1923.

INTIMATIONS

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

MR. WALTER J. HAWKER has This Day been appointed Assistant General Manager of the above Company.
By Order of the Board,
J. H. TAGGART,
Chairman.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1924. [274]

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

MR. PERCY H. SUCKLING has This Day been appointed Secretary of the above Company.
By Order of the Board,
J. H. TAGGART,
Chairman.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1924. [275]

CURRIMBOY & CO.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—Having returned to the Colony, I have resumed Charge of the above Firm in Hongkong as from This Date.
J. HASSUM,
Manager.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1924. [273]

NOTICE.

THE DUNLOP RUBBER COMPANY (CHINA), LTD.

BEG to announce that on and after FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 1924, their Offices will be situated care of Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & COMPANY, Chater Road, to which Address all Orders and Correspondence intended for the Company, should be sent.
Their Telephone Number will remain unchanged, Central 4554, and Postal Address will be P.O. Box 473.
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HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

ENTRIES may now be made for the Various Events.
Forms and full particulars can be obtained at the Pavilion.
Entries CLOSE on the 15th FEBRUARY, 1924.
L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary.
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HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS IN THIS COMPANY will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 9th FEBRUARY, 1924, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1923.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st February to the 8th February (both days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1924. [235]

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, DES VOUX ROAD CENTRAL, at 4.00 P.M., SATURDAY, the 2nd FEBRUARY, 1924, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1923.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company, will be CLOSED from Monday, 31st January, to Saturday, 2nd February, 1924 (both days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1924. [203]

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 44, DES VOUX ROAD, on FRIDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1924, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, 19th January, to Friday, 1st February, 1924, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1924. [179]

G. R.

A VACANCY exists at the NAVAL VICTUALLING YARD, KOWLOON, for a Capable CLERK. A Thorough Knowledge of English and Typing is essential. Candidates should apply by Letter in their own Handwriting to the VICTUALLING STORE OFFICER, stating Qualifications and previous Experience. Starting Salary—\$108 per Month.
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TO LET.

WELL FURNISHED FLAT in TREMONT MANOR, for Eight or Nine Months from April 3rd.
Apply to
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.
[250]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as from JANUARY 1st, 1924, Our Office will be REMOVED to
CHINA BUILDING (Old Post Office Site) 1st Floor.
Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong.
SUZUKI & CO., LTD.,
Hongkong.
P.O. Box No. 304.
Telephone Nos. 464, 465, 3397 and 2453.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1924. [225]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held in the JOCKEY CLUB ROOM, HONGKONG CLUBS ANNEX, on MONDAY, the 11th FEBRUARY, 1924, at 5 P.M. for the purpose of confirming the resolutions passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 10th January, 1924.
By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
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WEI HAI WEI SCHOOL.

WILL Re-open on JANUARY 28th as a Smaller Establishment—A Small School for Small Boys. Education under Ideal Conditions of Climate and Sanitation. Excellent facilities for Recreation and the Usual School Games.

School's Health-Record (30 years)—
Scarlet Fever nil
Measles 1 Outbreak
Diphtheria 1 Case
Chicken-Pox 2 Outbreaks
H. L. BEER, L.C.P.,
Headmaster.
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NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

ONE Certificate No. 7741 for One Hundred Shares No. 57651 to 57750 inclusive, in this Company, standing in the Name of Mr. GEORGE HOWARD MAY (deceased) has been LOST, and if at the Expiration of One Month from the Date hereof the above Certificate be not forthcoming, another Certificate for the said Shares will be issued by the Company, and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1924. [236]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate 5/NS 7044 dated Hongkong 15th May, 1911, for 10 Shares numbered 54249/54258 inclusive and Certificate Provisional No. 57729 dated Hongkong 20th of February, 1922, for 3 Shares of this Bank numbered 129917/129919 inclusive, both registered in the Name of Mrs. ESTHER FANNY SELBY have been Destroyed by Fire, and should these Certificates not be produced to the Bank before the 23rd FEBRUARY, 1924, New Certificates for the Shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificates No. 5/NS 7044 and Provisional No. 57729 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.
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THE DAIRY FARM, ICE AND COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

APPLICATION has been made to the Directors of this Company to issue to Mr. TANG KWAN SHAN, of 15, Arbuthnot Road, Hongkong, a DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE of 133 Shares in the Company or other Certificates in lieu thereof upon the statement that the Original Certificates No. 2917 in respect of 100 Shares No. 138752/138803 and No. 2918 in respect of 33 Shares Nos. 138853/139225, both dated 15th April, 1921, have been Lost or Destroyed; AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that if within 30 days from the Date hereof no claim or representation in respect of such Original Certificates is made to the Directors they will proceed to deal with such application for a Certificate.

J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong.
26th January, 1924. [254]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "ANNA".
FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, BRINDISI, SPALATO, MASSAUA, PORT SAID, ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 17th inst. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd prox. will be subject to suit.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 13th prox., or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd prox., at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 28th January, 1924. [255]

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DEATH.

BICKEL.—At Shanghai, on January 25th, Captain PHILIP L. BICKEL, aged 25 years. Interment in Japan.

Hongkong Office: 1A, Chater Road.
London Office: 121, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 1st, 1924.

THE OUTLOOK IN CHINA.

SOMEONE who has recently spent some time touring in China, contributes to the Straits Times a short note on "Politics in China," which concludes with the following prediction:—"One thing is certain; that, as summer approaches, so will start the biggest upheaval in the North that China has experienced for many years—if ever. The powerful Ruler of Manchuria is going to make himself heard and felt by Peking, with an army that Northern China has not yet seen. How the European Powers are going to act no one yet seems able to guess. Most old residents are aware that few things are more perilous than prophesying with an assumption of complete confidence what is going to happen in China. Admittedly there has been a great deal in the news to suggest such a possibility as the writer quoted so confidently proclaims; but on the other hand there is a movement to establish peace in China which is gathering strength every week. The new Prime Minister in Peking is credited with the intention of making a supreme effort to this end immediately after the New Year holiday. He proposes to go to Tientsin to consult with General TUAN CHI-JUI, the Anfu leader, for the purpose of devising methods of securing peace and stopping the civil strife now existing in the provinces. Further, the Premier will appoint several deputies to go to Chekiang and Mukden to effect peace with the war lords there, "since he has no scruples about conferring with either LU YUNG-HSIANG or CHANG TSO-LIN."

As to the South-Western provinces, it is stated, that Marshal Wu Pei-fu will be given telegraphic instructions to stop fighting, while other leaders in friendly contact with Dr. SUN YAT-SEN will be asked by the Premier to urge Dr. SUN to refrain from fighting pending a peaceful settlement. Finally, we gather that the Prime Minister proposes to follow on the lines which Sir ROBERT HO TUNG has been assiduously advocating during the past six months or more. Sir ROBERT has well sown the seeds of his Round Table Conference proposal, and Mr. SUN PAO-CHI, in the capacity of Prime Minister, may be able to mature the project. At all events we note that it is his intention to call "a national conference of various parties to discuss a plan for nation-wide peace." When, however, we read the views which Marshal Wu Pei-fu is constantly reported as expressing to all and sundry on the subject of reunification we are not optimistic regarding the outcome of the Prime Minister's effort, but when he has given definite orders to Marshal Wu to "stop further fighting," and has negotiated with SUN YAT-SEN and CHANG TSO-LIN with the same object in view, it will be possible to form a better opinion of the prospects of permanent peace.

The most satisfactory feature in a survey of the situation in China in this connection is the treaty recently negotiated by the war lords of the provinces of Chekiang and Kiangsu. The Chinese of Shanghai, during the past few months, have been greatly perturbed by military movements in Kiangsu which seemed to threaten an invasion of Chekiang, and an effort was made to kill these rumours by the negotiation of a treaty of perpetual peace between the military rulers of these two provinces. A copy of this treaty was communicated to the Consular Body at Shanghai. Even this did not succeed in "settling the people at rest," and last week an official proclamation was issued by General LU YUNG-HSIANG in which he explained that the troop movements which had occasioned alarm were "ordinary patrol duties in the winter months," carried out "simply in order that peace may be preserved so that the people may live in perfect security." Finally it gave the assurance that "there is no cause for alarm," and the public were bidden to remain tranquil and "go about their regular business as usual." There is also published an exchange of letters between General LU and General CHI. The latter remarks that "Kiangsu and Chekiang are related as the lips are to the teeth," and he rejoices that, "thanks to Providence," the tranquility of both is strengthened by the Treaty. "Now is our chance," he says, "to set an example to other provinces. Then, if that is followed, how can we express our happiness in words?" If a serious attempt were made at a Round Table Conference to widen this precedent there would be some prospect of "nation-wide peace." The example set by these two provinces is certainly noteworthy and suggestive.

Eighteen cases of small-pox were notified on Wednesday. All were Chinese. Messrs. Thomson & Co., chartered accountants, of Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin, and Peking, announce the opening of an office in Hongkong. The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending January 19th amounted to 97,211 tons and the sales during the period to 59,066 tons. Mr. P. H. Suckling has been appointed Secretary of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., in succession to Mr. W. J. Hawker who has been appointed Assistant General Manager. Children are invited to visit "one of H.M. ships" conducted by Lieut. E. R. Beachamp to-day, Friday, February 1st. The party will start from the Helena May Institute at 5.15.—ADVT.

Sir Charles Eliot, K.C.M.G., British Ambassador to Japan, has left Japan for Hongkong on a short visit, says a cable to the Daily Bulletin. He is on board the Empress of Australia.

Mr. Gawford St. Lawrence, whom His Excellency the Governor has recently appointed to be his Private Secretary, is due to arrive in the s.s. Valdera on Friday next, February 8th.

A report from the Harbour Office, Kowloon, states that the s.s. Hai Sang, which was recently wrecked off the Sanning Railway Company's wharf, has now been raised and removed.

The Portuguese police have secured the arrest of two seamen in Macao who are believed to have taken part in the recent piracy of the Tai Lee. Police have been sent from Hongkong for the purpose of bringing these two suspects back to Hongkong. These two additional arrests now bring the total number of men held by the Police up to six.

A marriage has been arranged between Mr. H. Shelley Brand of Fookchow and Mrs. Niven Brown (widow of the late John Niven Brown) and daughter of the Rev. John Russell for 30 years Minister of Grange, Banffshire, and of Emilio Duff-Gordon.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., is convened for the 13th inst. for the purpose of passing resolutions, set out in an advertisement in another column, to increase the capital from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

The King Koo Company, Tai Yuen Street, sued the Lau Yuet Wo Company, rattan chair makers, of Shamshuipo, for \$87.13, value of goods sold and delivered. A partner in defendant firm said that they only owed \$37.13. He could not, however, produce account books or receipts for money or goods transactions. Mr. Justice Gompertz gave judgment for plaintiffs for the amount claimed.

"If the essence of deceit is dishonesty, then the Chinese are not deceitful. They tell lies so universally that nobody ever believes them, so nobody is deceived. In England to say to a man 'you are a liar!' is offensive; in China, it is like saying 'you don't mean to say so!'" This extract is from an interesting article on the Chinese in the December number of the Nineteenth Century by J. Edwin Holmstrom, who is an engineer on the Peking-Mukden Railway.

In Chinese political circles a strong desire is being expressed that a Vice-President of the Republic should be appointed without delay. Marshal Wu Pei-fu, on being consulted suggested General Lu Yung Hsiang (Tuchun of Chekiang) as being the most suitable man for the post. General Lu is credited with saying that Marshal Wu Pei-fu is the man for the position, and at the same time he is stated to have sent an emissary to Marshal Chang Tso Lin to assure him of his loyalty to the alliance between them!

H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Stubbs, accompanied by Capt. R. Neville, A.D.C., leave Hongkong this afternoon at 5 p.m., in the Admiral Line s.s. President Jackson, for Manila where they will be the guests of the Governor-General, and Mrs. Leonard Wood for a few days. Amongst other engagements His Excellency has accepted an invitation to be present at a Garden Party given by the Manila British Club on February 4th.

"CONCERT-BALLET" AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

What was described as a "concert-ballet" took place at the Theatre Royal last evening. Mlle. Lucy de Szeimo presenting a varied and lengthy programme of dances. Mlle. de Szeimo was featured as "the famous prima ballerina of the Moscow Ballet," and gave an exhibition which was both graceful and pleasing to witness. Between her dances—rhapsodies, mazurkas, a Salome dance, an oriental dance, and so on—ran musical and vocal numbers. Mr. F. Gonzalez, accompanied by Mrs. Suiter, rendering four violin solos, and Mr. E. Aquino singing extracts from well known Italian operas in a capable if not over forceful tenor. The Hongkong Hotel Orchestra rendered the overtures.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MAIL TIMES.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR.—The following analysis of the times taken in transit by the various London-Hongkong mails despatched between March 1st and December 15th, 1923, may be of some interest to the general public.

These mails fall into three classes:—

- (1) those despatched via Marseilles and brought on thence direct by P. & O. steamers.
- (2) those despatched via Marseilles, Bombay, Negapatam, Penang and Singapore, and brought up from the latter port by first available steamer.
- (3) those despatched via Brindisi and Port Said, and brought on direct from Suez by Blue Funnel steamers.

VIA MARSEILLES.

Class 1.—During the nine months mentioned twenty-one mails of this class were despatched to Hongkong; and the average time of transit was 20.38 days. The quickest times—23 days—were made by the mails carried by the Mantua, Karmala and Kaiser I Wind which reached Hongkong on the 23rd August, 6th September and 15th November, respectively.

VIA NEGAPATAM.

Class 2.—Twenty such mails reached Hongkong in the nine months, with an average time in transit of 29.05 days. The best times were those of the mails from London of the 15th April, 7th June, and 30th August which (brought up from Singapore by Blue Funnel steamers) reached Hongkong in 28, 27 and 28 days respectively.

VIA BRINDISI.

Class 3.—Thirty-nine mails were despatched to Hongkong during the same period, the average time taken in transit being 23.43 days. The quickest mails were those brought by the Adriatic on April 30th, Faticosa on August 6th, Adriatic again on October 1st, and Sardinia on November 12th—27 days in each case—I have the honour to be, etc.

R. E. LINDSELL,
Postmaster-General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong.
January 21st, 1924.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWERFUL SPEECH BY VICEROY.

DELHI, January 30th.

Opening the Legislative Assembly, the Viceroy, in a powerful speech said that the Government would continue to try and persuade the Government of the Union of South Africa to incline to the Indians' view.

He strongly denied the allegations that the British and the Afghan Government were at loggerheads, and warmly acknowledged the action of His Majesty's Government in giving India a full opportunity to express further views on the Kenya situation. He declared that the Government was determined to suppress outrages and conspiracies in Bengal. He said he was finally examining the case of each individual now gaol.

Alluding to the reforms, the Viceroy declined to discuss certain matters until he had discussed them with the Secretary of State and the British Government, but he said that after profound study and reflection he was anxious about the future of reforms.

He solemnly warned the Assembly that there was a possibility of a check to their progress. No constitutional change could be effected without the consent of the British Parliament and people, and he concluded by praying that calm judgment and goodwill would characterise the session.

M. VENIZELOS.

EXPECTED RESIGNATION OF
PREMIERSHIP.

ATHENS, January 31st.

M. Venizelos' resignation of the Premiership almost immediately, owing to ill-health, is considered certain. There is great uncertainty as to what political development will ensue.

LONDON, January 30th.

According to information from a Greek source in London, M. Venizelos is suffering from nerves, due to over strain. He will only temporarily relinquish the Premiership while resting.

GLOOMY COTTON SITUATION
VIEWS OF NEW YORK COTTON
EXCHANGE MEMBER.

LONDON, January 30th.

A gloomy outlook regarding the cotton situation is taken by Mr. Revere, a member of the New York Cotton Exchange. Writing to the *Manchester Guardian* he says that the American crop will barely reach 10,000 bales and points out that Europe, Japan and China are showing a realisation of the approaching stringency by reducing their demands, but such half-hearted measures are insufficient. Consumption must be reduced or unless an end of the season price explosion is to develop.

SWARAJISTS AFFIRM
ALLEGIANCE

DELHI, January 31st.

The ceremony of taking the oath of allegiance by the new Legislative Assembly passed off smoothly. The Swarajists, all wearing Indian-made clothes, made the prescribed affirmation in low voices. There were remarkably few absences. H.E. the Viceroy opened the session to-day (January 31st).

GERMANY'S FINANCES.

EXPERTS AT WORK.

BERLIN, January 30th.

Among the official data to be examined by General Dawes and the Experts' Committee, is the Reich budget for 1924, showing 5,254 millions gold marks revenue and 5,712 millions expenditure.

EARLIER CABLES.

ENQUIRY COMMENCING.

BERLIN, January 30th.

The first committee of experts enquiring into the means of stabilising German finances has arrived from Paris and held a meeting presided over by General Dawes. It decided to request the Chancellor to enable the committee to establish points of contact with persons capable of imparting information.

GERMAN UNEMPLOYMENT.

MILLIONS IDLE.

BERLIN, January 30th.

The unemployed receiving relief in the unoccupied territories have risen to a million and a half. It is semi-officially estimated that there are four to five million unemployed or short-time workers in the whole of Germany.

EARLIER CABLES.

LOW WAGES OF GERMAN
SEAMEN.VESSELS SAID TO BE
UNDERMANNED.

LONDON, January 30th.

Mr. Havelock Wilson, on behalf of the National Sailors' and Firemen's Union has telegraphed to the Premier pointing out that 1,500 German seamen from German vessels have struck at United Kingdom ports against their low wage of three pounds sterling a month compared with the nine pounds paid by shipowners in Britain and by other nations. The German Government has forbidden the German shipowners to negotiate with representatives of the German seamen. German ships are consequently leaving British ports seriously undermanned, thus endangering other vessels trading in British waters, and the German captains are making false declarations to the British customs authorities with regard to the personnel of their crews. Cases have been reported to the Board of Trade, but the Government has taken no action to prevent this infringement of the law, which the Union urges should be impartially applied.

ANGLO-FRENCH RELATIONS.

MR. MACDONALD'S LETTER TO M.

POINCARÉ.

LONDON, January 30th.

It is officially confirmed that Mr. MacDonald has sent a private letter to M. Poincaré, of a very friendly nature, hoping that the serious Anglo-French differences will soon be satisfactorily settled. There has been no reply hitherto from M. Poincaré, but this is not surprising, as the letter was only despatched a day or two ago.

It is understood that conversations are still progressing with regard to Anglo-Russian relations, but at present there is no question of sending a mission to Russia.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET
CHAMPIONS.

SYDNEY, January 30th.

Victoria beat New South Wales by eight wickets, thus winning the Inter-State competition and Sheffield Shield. New South Wales scored 217 (Andrews 88) with Hartoff taking 4 for 49. Victoria replied with 345 (Ponsford 10 and Mayne 134 not out).

New South Wales next compiled 321 (Hendry 73 and Kippax 65), with Wallace taking 5 for 59. Victoria then knocked up 150 for 2 (Ponsford 110 not out).

WINTER OLYMPIAD.

CHAMONIX, January 30th.

Britain beat France at curling by 48 to 4, thus winning the curling tournament. Sweden is second and France third. At ice hockey Britain beat Belgium by 20 to 3. America beat France by 22 to 11.

At skating, in the Marathon over fifty kilometres, Haug (Norway) won in three hours, forty-four minutes and thirty-two seconds.

At ice hockey Canada beat Switzerland by 20 to 11.

NEW SWIMMING RECORD.

SYDNEY, January 30th.

The Swede, Arne Borg, swam a mile in the world's record time of twenty-two minutes and thirty-four seconds.

[The previous best mile was done by J. G. Hatfield, his time being 24 min. 54 sec.]

[Arne Borg is already the holder of the 250 yards record—in 2 min. 29.3/5 sec.]

BIG MILL STRIKE AT
BOMBAY.

BOMBAY, January 30th.

Only two mills are working, and they are expected to close to-morrow. Altogether 140,000 operatives are idle. No negotiations are proceeding and there is no sign of any settlement.

THE THREATENED DOCKERS'
STRIKE.

LONDON, January 30th.

The council of the port labour employers has accepted proposals made by the Transport and General Workers' Union for a conference to discuss the dockers' strike threat.

NAVAL VISITORS DEPART.

SYDNEY, January 30th.

The Japanese squadron has sailed for New Zealand.

LATEST CABLES.

OBITUARY.

DUC DE MONTPENSIER.

LONDON, January 31st.

The Duc de Montpensier has died at Clermont Ferrand.

LATEST CABLES.
[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]CANADA'S FIRST MINISTER
TO WASHINGTON.

OTTAWA, January 31st.

It is understood that General Sir Arthur Currie will be offered the position as first Canadian Minister Plenipotentiary to Washington.

[General Currie commanded the Canadian Corps in France in the War and since 1920 has been the Principal of McGill University, Montreal.]

DIRECT DIPLOMATIC CONTACT.

WASHINGTON, January 30th.

The report that Sir Arthur Currie has been offered the appointment as Canadian Plenipotentiary to Washington, is construed to mean that the oft reported project of Canada for direct diplomatic contact with Washington is in process of being carried out.

The appointment will not mean the establishment of an independent Canadian mission, but merely a transfer by the British Embassy of jurisdiction over diplomatic matters affecting Canada and the United States.

The Canadian official, for purposes of negotiation with the State Department, would speak for the British Sovereign.

The change will be important for Canadians, as communications would pass directly between the Embassy and the Government at Ottawa instead of via the Foreign Office in London.

EARLIER CABLES.

FIGHTING IN MEXICO.

ANOTHER FEDERAL SUCCESS.

GALVESTON, TEXAS, January 30th.

The Mexican Federal troops have captured Orizaba.

It is officially reported from Mexico City that 1,500 prisoners were taken when Esperanza fell.

The Federal are now advancing on Cordoba. It is reported that several rebel trains fell into their hands.

WASHINGTON, January 30th.

Instructions have been countermanded for the withdrawal of the cruiser *Omaha* and six destroyers from Vera Cruz, where the warships have been ordered to remain until further orders. It is believed this change of plan is due to the possibility of a conflict between the rebels and Federal in the vicinity of Vera Cruz, and the United States' desire to have warcraft in this region to look after American interests.

An El Paso message says direct rail communication with Mexico City from the border is again severed. The rebels have dynamited the track and forced a train containing Federal troops to return southward.

U.S. LEASE NAVAL
PROSECUTIONS.

WASHINGTON, January 30th.

President Coolidge has appointed Mr. Thomas W. Gregory, a Democrat, former Attorney General under Ex-President Wilson, and Mr. Silas H. Strawn, a Republican and prominent Chicago lawyer, as counsel to prosecute the persons concerned in the teapot dome oil case, on behalf of the Government.

Mr. Fall's physicians having testified to the inadvisability of bringing him to the Capitol to testify before the investigation committee, it was decided to appoint four physicians to make an independent examination.

WASHINGTON, January 30th.

The Senate has carried by 46 to 33 votes a resolution by the Democrat, Mr. Walsh, repudiating the naval oil leases.

BRITISH OFFICER SHORTAGE.

PARENTS TOO POOR: SONS TOO IGNORANT.

The difficulty of obtaining officers for the Army is referred to at length in the third report, issued last month, of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on Estimates, which deals with Army estimates.

Sir Charles Harris, joint secretary and accounting officer of the War Office, told the Committee that the days when parents of the professional classes could put their sons into the Army with a reasonable allowance had come to an end. Many admirable officers were formerly supplied by clergymen, who sent their sons into the service, but the clergyman was not now in a position to give his son an allowance on the old scale.

It was desired to make the Army a career in which a man without means could live and make his way, added Sir Charles, but at present there was a lack of men, rich or poor, who came to Sandhurst with a good educational standard.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JAPANESE DIET DISSOLVED.

Tokyo, January 31st.

The Diet has been dissolved.

[This news is not unexpected by those who follow Japanese politics. Three big political parties recently combined to oppose the Cabinet. In their joint declaration they declared that the Kiyoura Cabinet represented only a limited number of persons of the privileged classes, and was formed against the wishes of the people at large. By trying to conduct an autocratic and aristocratic rule in utter disregard of the spirit of the age, the Kiyoura Cabinet was going against the bequeathed will of the late Emperor, who emphasised the need for administering State affairs in accordance with public opinion. It was most important, it said, that such an undesirable Cabinet should be thrown out without delay. "An effective stop must be put to 'intriguing' politics and true party politics must be brought into being.]

TRAIN WRECKING EFFORT IN
JAPAN.

POLITICAL WARFARE.

Tokyo, January 31st.

An ineffective attempt was made last night near Nakoya, to wreck a train in which the leading members of the Parliamentary Opposition, including Messrs. Takahashi, Ozaki and Imakuni, were returning from an anti-Government demonstration at Osaka, according to the "special" issued by the *Hochi Shimbun*, at present the report cannot be confirmed.

SINGAPORE NAVAL BASE

RUMOURS.

LONDON, January 30th.

Reuter is informed that the statement published with regard to Singapore or the Government's decision on the subject, are pure imagination. Hitherto the Cabinet has not even discussed the matter.

[BY COURTESY OF "THE DAILY BULLETIN"]

SALT SURPLUS FUNDS.

PEKING, January 30th.

Arrangements have been made for the Chinese Government to receive about \$3,000,000 of the salt surplus funds of which a portion will be devoted to the Russian Reorganisation Loan coupons held by Japan.

The former French objection, that such release be based on the gold franc dispute, has been withdrawn.

It is officially stated that the Government's New Year obligations are not heavy, and that the salt release itself will be nearly enough.

INFLUENCE OF THE PRESS.

SIR A. ROBBINS'S DEGREE OF
DOUBT.

Sir Alfred Robbins, who is retiring from journalism after having attained his jubilee in the profession, addressed the London Commercial Club at luncheon on December 14th of "The Press and the Public Purse." As to whether the Press had the influence which was often claimed for it he said frankly he had a certain degree of doubt. He pointed to the events of the recent General Election. A London friend of his had divided the Press into two parts: Those who expounded exaggerations, and those who expounded exaggerations. (Laughter.) Of course, London peoples had not the opportunity of seeing the same and other provincial newspapers. (Laughter.) They had seen newspapers of vast circulation advising readers one day to vote in one direction, on the second day to change their direction, and on the third day to vote in precisely the opposite direction to that which they had been advised to do previously. Unfortunately the cat jumped the wrong way. (Laughter.) There were on the other hand those sensation papers which were always discovering some pretty girl in some appalling circumstances. In one London paper quite recently he found on one page three pretty girls in difficulties. (Laughter.) That kind of newspaper had no particular influence. The influence that remained was with the newspaper that had solidity, sterling honesty, and a settled policy. (Hear, hear.)

He believed that this was the only country in the world in which the public purse did not pay or purchase the Press. For thirty-six years he had been in the Lobby of the House of Commons representing a well-known, and in its district, a powerful British newspaper. During that period he had been in the confidence of every leading politician of every political section, and never had he received a hint or a suggestion that any good pecuniary or otherwise, would come to himself as its representative because he advocated a particular policy of the Government. There were two institutions in the country of which the public had the right to be proud—Parliament, the personal honesty of which, whatever its composition, he had never doubted, and a Press not subject to corruption. So long as these traditions continued so long would they have purity in journalism, and, he believed, excellence in public life.

CHAOS IN CHINA.
DISHEARTENING PICTURE.

[FROM "THE TIMES."]

The survey of the origin and circumstances of the present situation in China, which our Peking Correspondent makes in the two articles published a few days since, presents a painful and disheartening picture. In the eleven years which have gone by since the Revolution which was to inform the most conservative of Oriental peoples with the newest spirit of Western democracy that situation has steadily become worse. To-day, it is at the lowest point yet reached, and the prospect of improvement is obscure and remote. Tsao Kun, the actual President of China, who took office last October, is the choice of the Chihli group of the former Peiyang Party. The mutual intrigues of this Chihli group and of the Anhui group, into which two factions the Fengyang Party dissolved on the death of Yuan Shih-kai in 1916, caused the failure of their common attempts to reconquer Hunan. The Anhui group controlled Peking for four years, and founded the Anfu Club, which borrowed largely from Japan and spent the money on a Japanese-trained Army. This army was routed in 1920 by Wu Pei-fu, who advanced from Hunan to the support of his old commander, Tsao Kun, but withdrew after his victory, and left politics to Tsao Kun. Two years later Wu, by another victory, rescued Tsao Kun from the control of Chang Tso-lin, the powerful ruler of Manchuria, and again retired to his own province. As a consequence of Wu's operations, the Chihli Party is in control, but it is still divided. A Tientsin clique, headed by the President's brother, is hostile to Wu Pei-fu, and it is supposed to be on good terms with the Christian General, Feng Xu-shiang, who is stationed at Peking, and who is not friendly to the Hunan hero. Wu, and perhaps Feng, sincerely wish to strengthen the Central Government of President Tsao. The Tsuchua of half-a-dozen provinces profess to support him, but they are quite untrustworthy, playing only for their own hands and their own pockets. In open rebellion against the Central Government, Sun Yat-sen is devastating Kwangtung, in the name of modern reform, as he has already devastated Kwangsi, but he is threatened by Wu Pei-fu's generals, and the success would restore a wide region from Hankow to Canton to the control of Feng. Wu, however, has failed in his efforts to rescue the great and wealthy province of Szechuan from the clutches of the many "generals" who prey upon it, while Yunnan and its tyrants are inaccessible, and Chekiang, with the great city and port of Shanghai, is under the rule of an official who repudiates the authority of Peking. Manchuria under Chang Tso-lin appears to be the least miserable part of the Republic. The three provinces are wealthy; Chang pays his soldiers, and the administration in the less wild districts is fairly good. Chang has recruited his army since his defeat by Wu; it is said to be well equipped, but its fighting qualities are problematical. He is, however, a factor to be reckoned with. So, strangely enough, is the utterly corrupt and irregular Parliament. It in no sense represents the Chinese people. It is, however, strong in the favour of "public opinion," which may represent one-quarter of one per cent. of the population, and in that strength it has baffled the President's attempts to form a Government. In the meantime the great majority of that vast population, perhaps the most peaceful, orderly, and industrious in the world, are suffering intolerable misery. They are incapable of saving themselves, and in all these eleven years no Cromwell or Mussolini has arisen to save them.

Superficial thinkers argue that because China in the long ages of her immemorial history has sunk at many periods into chaos, and has as often revived comparative order by her unaided effort, she will in time recover from her present anarchy if she is left to herself. But the argument is not sound. It assumes that time is not more important in the process of recovery than it was when China lived down the Tartar invasion, or when she assimilated the Manchus; it assumes, too, that for the whole duration of the regenerative process she will remain undisturbed by foreign Powers. Probably she would recover were these assumptions true. The first, however, is manifestly false, and the second is in the last degree improbable. Time has completely changed its value in history, and the change is proceeding with intensified rapidity. The world moves faster every decade. Science is constantly quickening the pace in material things, and these react upon the thought and the character of even the most conservative peoples. Transformations which took generations or even centuries in the past are now effected in a lifetime. Nowhere is the ferment, by reason of the very age of the old bottles, more violent than in the East. Cathay no longer has cycles in which to raise herself from the inferno of anarchy to the purgatory she has more or less enjoyed in her normal past. In remote ages she could take her time. The awful Taiping Rebellion of the mid-nineteenth century proved that those days were over. It brought her to the very verge of dissolution and only foreign assistance saved her from the abyss. Cathay long lived in a state of relative isolation; modern China is in close touch with several foreign States far more powerful than her, who have immense interests, actual and potential, financial and political, in her good government.

(Continued at foot of next column).

WIRE ROCK SALT.
STRONGER THAN STEEL.

UNBREAKABLE METAL NEXT?

A Paris message from Moscow says:—The Petrograd Academy of Sciences announces that Professor Joffe, a Russian scientist, has discovered a method of making wire stronger than steel out of common rock salt.

His discovery came after a series of extraordinary experiments in the mutability of metals by structural chemistry. Rock salt, the crystals of which normally begin to decay at a pressure of one and one-tenth pounds on 1,657th of an inch, resisted at a test a pressure of 3304 lbs.

Professor Joffe discovered that by submitting the rock salt to high heat pressure—before the elementary crystals began to decay, he arrested the decay by changing the structural arrangement of the atoms and molecules, and this change increased the durability and ductility of the substance three hundred times.

He is continuing his experiments with other metallic substances.

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If Professor Joffe's discovery can be applied to metals it will revolutionise the world. It will mean—

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Scientists throughout the world have long been engaged on experiments to discover why the strength of ordinary engineering metals is only about one hundredth of what it should be if their full molecular cohesion were developed—in other words, why metals have such a low breaking point.

"Once this is discovered," a new industrial era opens up," said a famous scientist to a *Daily Express* representative recently.

"If the breaking point of steel is enormously increased, it is obvious that less will be required to bear the same strain. This will result in phenomenal speeds, owing to the lightness of all machines."

Mr. A. Griffiths, who is conducting similar experiments at the research department of the R.A.F. establishment at Farnborough, said:—

"The discovery, if it is perfected, is of extreme importance."

"If it can be applied to metals it means that instead of having to use steel which will bear the weight of 100 tons to a square inch we shall be able to use it to carry 1,000 tons to the square inch."

AEROPLANES.

"That is of extreme importance to aeronautics. We could, by this means, be able to build machines ridiculously light in weight, which would be just as strong as those used to-day."

"It would also be of importance in high speed engines and turbines. There, it is not so much a question of saving in weight as of making the engine run faster."

Mr. Griffiths' "strengthening experiments" have been so successful with glass that he has increased the ordinary breaking point from 10,000 lbs. to the square inch to one million.

The trouble is that in this highly "strengthened" state the substance is so brittle that dust falling on it from the atmosphere will cause it to crack.

It remains to be seen whether, or how, the Russian experiments have overcome this difficulty.

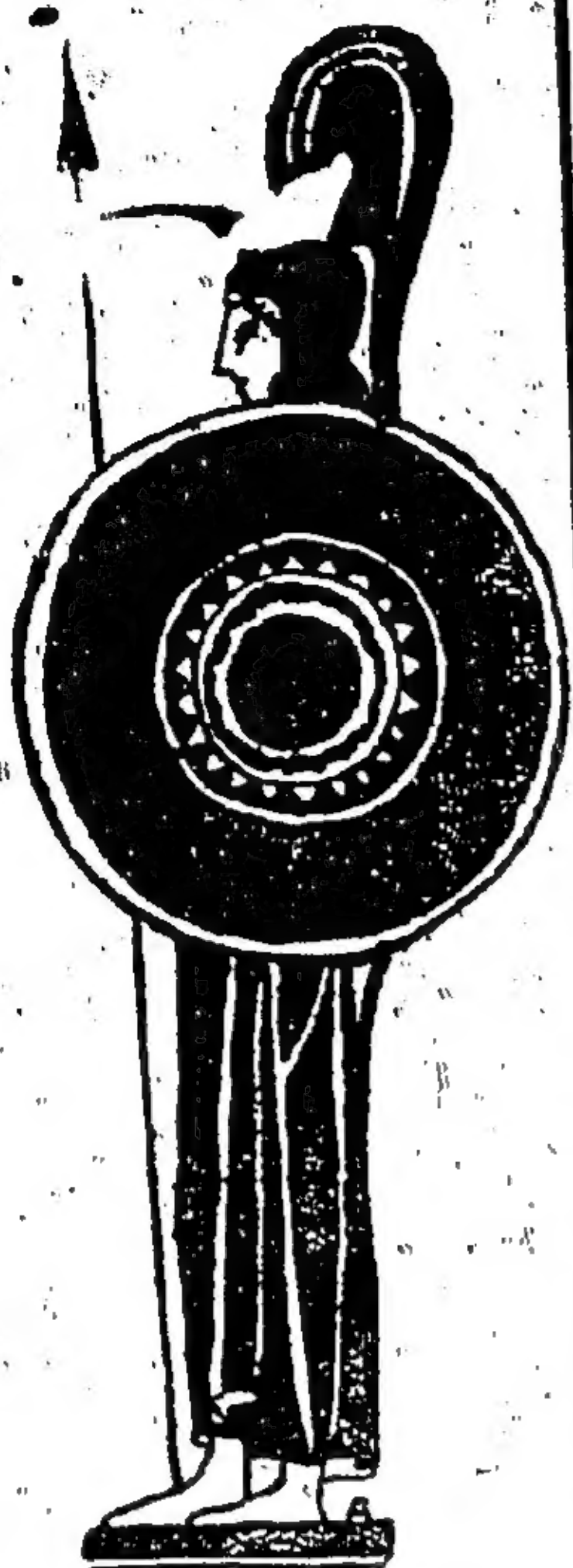
Speaking in the City on December 19th, Lord Inchcape said a possible remedy for unemployment was in the hands of trade unions. If they would stand aside with their rules and regulations regarding minimum rates of wages, restricted hours of labour, and limited output, and give economic conditions free play for a year or two, he believed the cost of production would come down and that world markets would be found for an increased output of manufactured goods.

They have sunk hundreds of millions in China. All of them are not likely to sacrifice this huge capital, or to leave it indefinitely in jeopardy at the mercy of Chinese factions. The Chinese have succeeded hitherto in trading upon the differences of the Powers—never more conspicuously than in their bland insolence over the Linchun outrage of last May. The incident revealed to them the danger of secret that all the diplomatic apparatus of the united Powers may be defused with impunity.

The mere prospect of an effective common policy by the Powers would abate this insolence in a week, and lead to serious efforts at reform by the Central Government. Or if the Powers preferred to bring one, or several of the Powers, as the real possessors of power, to their knees, the operation, our Correspondent says, would set them all howling like china dolls. But, in the absence of a common policy, conferences on tariffs or on anything else "are" foredoomed to futility. There remains the faint hope that in the sordid scramble for place and for loot among factions whom no pretence of principle divides the Chihli faction may prevail. It is in office, and there is just a chance that it may extend its sway. It may be not more corrupt, or less corrupt than the others, but one tyrant is better than many, and a situation intolerable and concerned.

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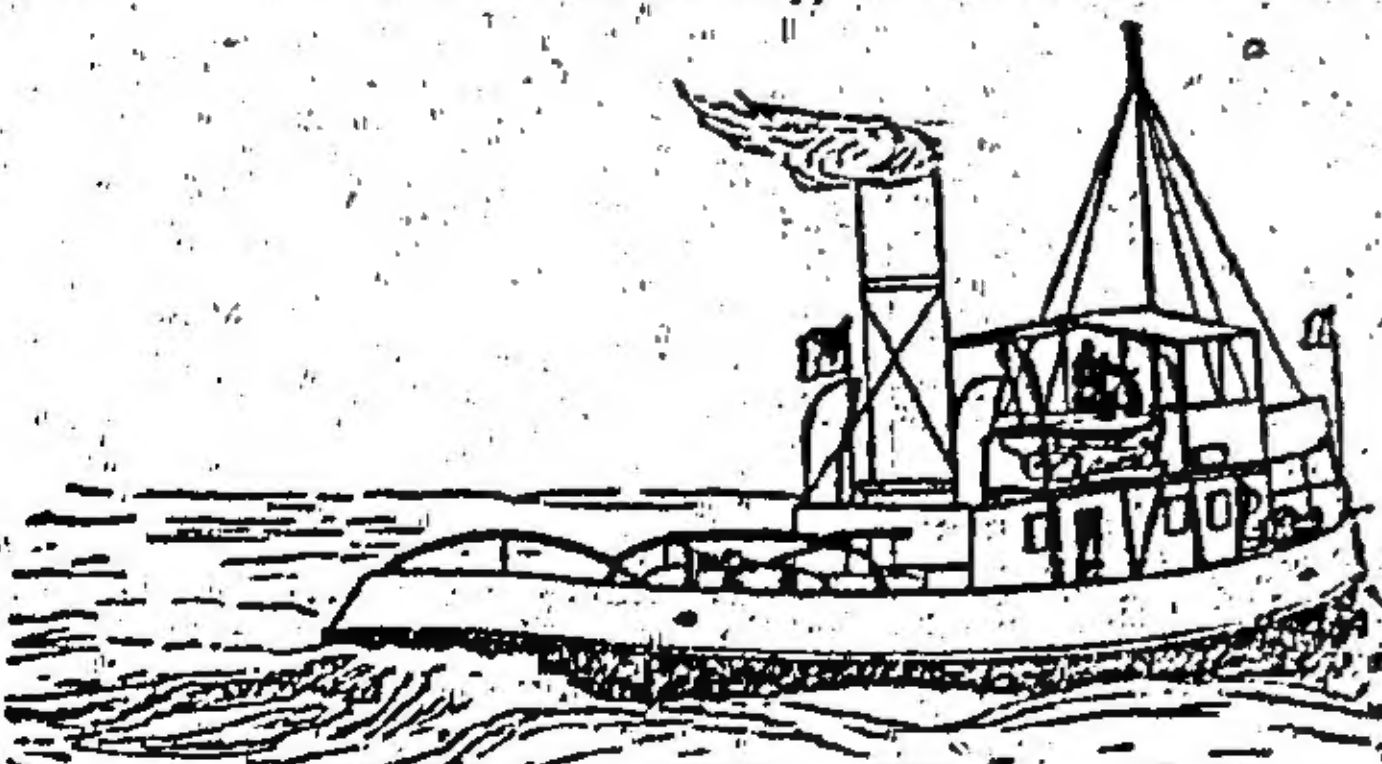
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PARIS FASHION NOTES.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT,
ISABEL RAMSAY.]

PARIS, December 23rd.

A garment that can serve two purposes is the most popular model one can find among the latest lingerie creations. A nightgown that can be worn, also, as a bedroom gown is a favourite example of this new and certainly economic fashion. A model of this kind is somewhat wider than an ordinary nightgown; it fits across the shoulders, and, instead of sleeves, is cut with a long, straight arm-hole to the waist; the front and back are pleated and there is always a waistband added in a pale or a dark colour to harmonise with the gown itself. A garment of this sort is particularly useful for travelling.

There is a craze at present for edging the hem of nightgowns and chemises with lace or net. Pale colours or white in triple voile are chosen, and an edging of black lace is added.

Chemises that are long enough to be worn as a slip to a dress, are very popular, seeing that they are practical and dainty at the same time. They are cut all in one, on straight lines, and with just a panel of pleating let in at each side to afford the necessary width for walking. They look well made up in crepe de Chine and finished at the top with a broad band of double net embroidered with flowers cut out of the material and applied on with the finest of embroidery stitch.

Fancy sets abound and are varied and fanciful enough to please a host of different tastes. A charming set I was admiring recently was in black silk voile. The chemise was cut in two pieces in the form of an apron and was bound all round with lace; the tops were drawn together on the shoulders with ribbon bows, and a ribbon belt, placed at a low waist-line, caught in the lower part of the garment. The knickers to match were slit up the outside of each leg and were edged with a lace trim that filled in the gap where the opening of the chemise occurred.

An original nightgown model for women who prefer plain stately lines to complicated, fluffy ones is cut on Empire lines. Save that there are no sleeves. The neck and wide-cut armholes are bound with thick silk cord that crosses in front so as to form the Empire line, passes to the back, again crosses and finally ties at the side. A scrap of real lace fills in the low V. décolletage in front. A scalloped hem adds a good finish.

For everyday wear, many women prefer to bind the edges of their undies with a plain or coloured border cut on the cross, in place of lace or embroidery. This looks attractive and possesses the advantage of wearing and standing rough washing much better than either lace or embroidery. White on apricot looks well; likewise, pink on mauve, blue on pink, and black on white and all shades.

Banded shoulder-straps or narrow metal chains are preferred to ribbon shoulder-straps for undies destined for evening wear, as they show so much less through a semi-transparent material. They are fixed with a patent clasp that fits into an eyelet-hole worked-in the chemise or petticoat, so that, if the dress is devoid of both shoulders and sleeves, these straps can be slipped off and the exposure of flesh be left quite bare.

Nothing could be more dainty, delicate—and costly—than the clothes with which modern mothers welcome King Baby into this vale of tears. Only the finest and richest of materials are used, and they are further embellished by means of delicate lace and cobweb hand-embroidery. A kimono shape is chosen in preference to all others.

The matinee jacket—that most charming of all garments of a baby's toilette—naturally lends itself to the most varied forms of dainty treatment. Thick crepe-de-Chine heavily embroidered in silk looks well, but more attractive still are those jackets made of fine net and either finished off with tiny frills or embroidered in a darning stitch. Some of the models made in this way are so tiny that they will fit a baby of a week old; a wee bonnet is made to match.

Fine muslin, embroidered with fine hand-embroidery, also looks charming, and certainly is more practical for everyday wear. Ribbons, bunches of silk roses, and any novelty motif that is small and pretty adorns this kind of jacket.

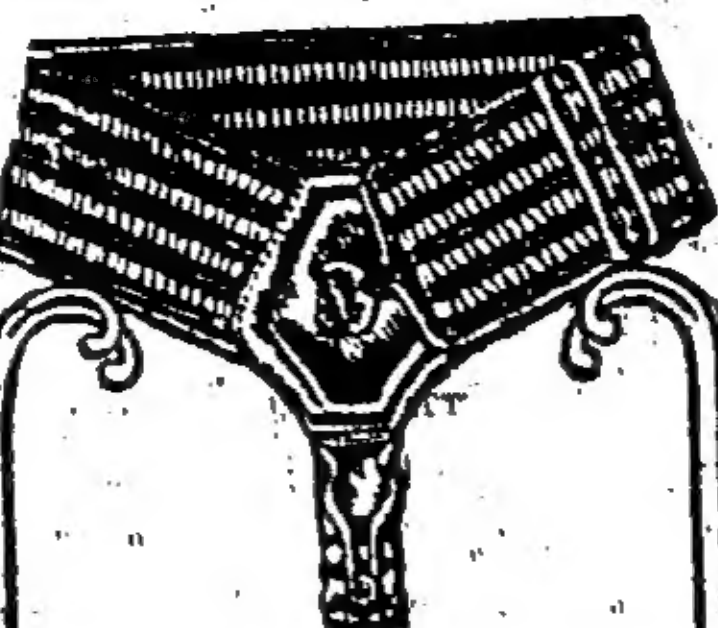
The modern baby's robe is never more than three-quarter length even for a very young baby. For those mothers who can choose regardless of cost, the most delightful material is a hand-woven linen so fine that you can pull the whole robe through a ring. This is then made up with a mass of tiny tucks and hand embroidery, a panel front, puff sleeves, and a small yoke edged with real Valenciennes lace.

A short frock should always have a fair amount of lace about it, also touches of good embroidery insertion. One charming little model I saw recently was trimmed round the hem with a row of tiny roses in groups, the centre of each rose being filled in with a morsel of tulle; other roses hung down in front, gathers were let in on each side of the shoulder for a width of two inches, and wee puff sleeves edged with Valenciennes lace were added.

Even shoes are dainty lacey affairs. Point lace is chosen a good deal for this purpose, and it is lined with silk in cream or a pastel pink shade. The most charming of little moccasins, made of white kid and edged with swansdown is another novelty which any mother would be delighted to receive as a gift for her baby.

Bonnets are made to fit the shape of the head, and are either of net or silk muslin, or else of the finest hand-woven linen which I have already referred to. They are trimmed with a mixture of lace and very fine embroidery, or else a frill of tulle that stands up all round the face.

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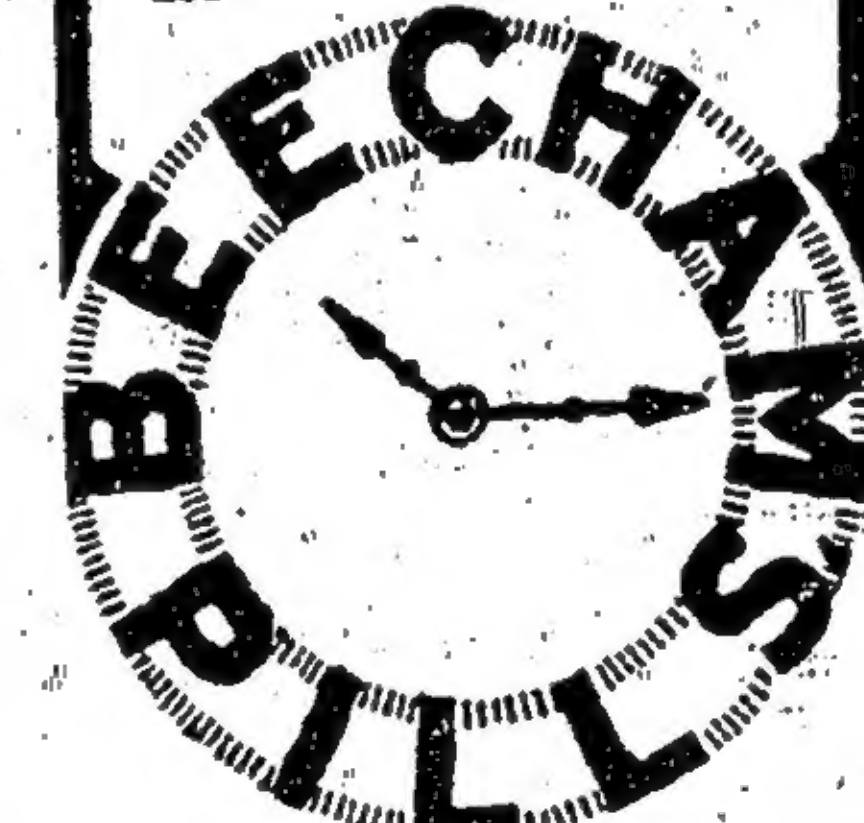
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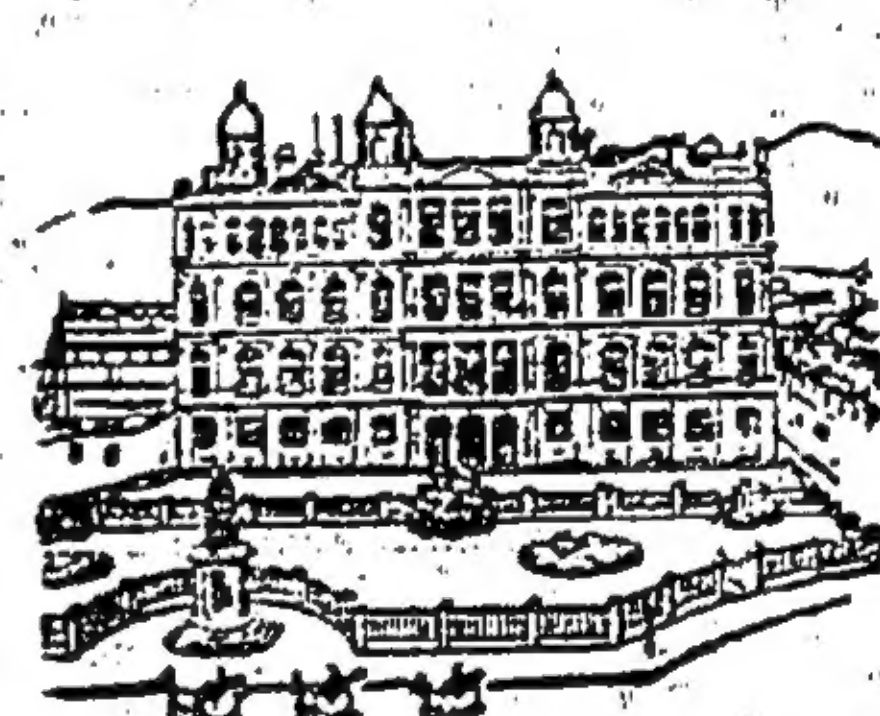
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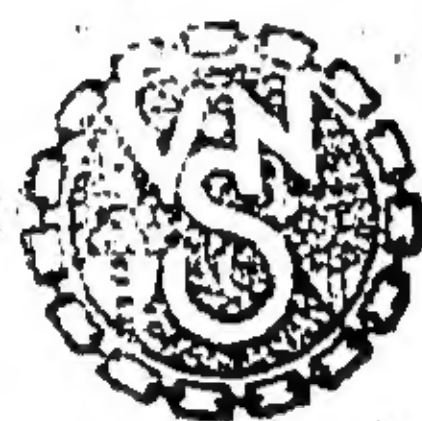
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LLOYD'S LIST ANNUAL REVIEW.

Lloyd's List, the oldest newspaper in the world, published its Annual Review on December 26th, which, in twenty-one special articles, each written by an acknowledged authority, gives a comprehensive account of the happenings in the shipping, shipbuilding, and commercial worlds during the past twelve months.

Sir Ernest Glover, President of the Chamber of Shipping, contributes an article, in which he comments, not favourably, on the effect of the competition of the world's freight market. He shows how the fleets owned by America, France, Brazil, Canada, and Australia have competed with privately-owned vessels on conditions which would have brought disaster to any private owner. More important still is the point which he makes when he says that these fleets are met out of the pockets of the taxpayer and that in the long run both producers and consumers must suffer. In this connection it is interesting to read the article by Mr. Edward P. Farley, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, in which the question of the vessels owned by the Board is touched upon.

Sir Alan Anderson, Vice-president of the Chamber of Shipping, also mentions the question of the State of shipping, but his main theme is radio-telegraphy, and his remarks on this vital necessity to traffic by sea will be read with the greatest interest.

Sir Frederick Lewis deals with the fiscal aspect of shipping, and demonstrates the unsoundness of the policy of States taxing the earnings of foreign shipping. He refers to the resolution passed by the International Shipping Conference of 1921, in which it was stated, "It is therefore desirable in the interests of international trade that legislation be enacted in every maritime country of the world, giving immunity from taxation in respect of the earnings of foreign shipping in all cases, where similar immunity is reciprocally given." In dealing with "Shipbuilding," a Shipbuilding writer, hoping of the attitude of Labour, saying that the men fully realise the difficulty of the situation, and that "the indications all point to the immediate future being a period of comparative calm"—an interesting commentary this on the effect of the recent settlement of the boiler-makers' dispute. The reduction in port charges from 70 per cent. above pre-war level to between 45 and 55 per cent. during the past year, is one of the important facts mentioned by Viscount Devonport, chairman of the Port of London Authority, and he also emphasises the injury which recent dock strikes have caused to trade.

It is, perhaps, a pity that the article on "Marine Insurance" is anonymous, for it is evidently the work of an expert, and while controversial subjects are avoided, the present state of the business is clearly outlined. The writer does not hesitate to condemn the reductions which have taken place in rates and values, although he regards these as the inevitable result of the shipping slump and of a greatly expanded market. He, like all other authorities, is adverse to the "treaty" system of re-insurance, which he describes as dangerous and destructive.

LIFE ON THE SEA.
FROM TANKARD TO TABLOID.

"The Channel's as bright as a ball-room," say the great steamers in one of Kipling's verses, and it is easy to detect a note of regret in their exclamation. Perhaps because no one now remembers when seas were uncharted and unlighted, fo'c'sle dens, and sailors fed on hard tack until they got scurvy everyone is inclined to feel that steam and the Board of Trade between them have made ocean-going rather a prosaic affair. What would one of Drake's seamen, if he came alive again, think of one of Earl Beatty's ratings, or even one of Capt. Cook's crew think of the crew of a P. & O. liner? It is a subject that might profitably exercise the imagination of Mr. Maschfield. But, sentimentalism apart, one cannot regard the activities of the philanthropists like Plimsoll and the paternal vigilance of Admiralty and Board of Trade with anything but delight. Ocean-going is a hard enough game, however much its amenities are improved. So one must rejoice to hear that the Admiralty is experimenting with an extract of watercress, spinach, and other green plants in tabloid form which is called Phyllosan and which may supersede lime-juice as a treatment for scurvy. Such a discovery, if it turned out practicable, would make a considerable difference to life on the sea. The Wrangel Expedition, for instance, would have been the better for it. But while reason compels one to hope that Phyllosan will soon be as familiar a word in nautical quarters as fathom, sentiment still insists on having its say. Lime-juice, it tells us, is bad enough. Did few drink lime-juice? Did those gay vessels flying the Jolly Roger carry their legal minimum of the testotal liquor? Would the buccannery have given a bad doubt for any menly-mouthed prophylactic against such a disease as scurvy? In so far as our modern steamers already carry lime-juice they have fallen away from this piratical virtue. But lime-juice is at least a drink; a fo'c'sle in which it is being consumed does not suggest a club-room filled with dyspeptic land-lubbers. And if one drink can be reduced to tabloid form why not another? Is rum itself safe? Or shall we have to bring our chancies up-to-date and sing in future "Yoi ho! ho! and a little bottle of rum tabloids"? Even the thought is enough to set all the drowned pirates turning in their ocean graves.—*Manchester Guardian*.

According to the estimate of an organiser with inside knowledge, the General Election cost about £1,500,000, of which at least £1,000,000 was drawn from the party chests.

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SANDAKAN	"CHUNGSANG"	Saturday, 2nd Feb., 1 p.m.
TSINGTAU via SHANGHAI	"KWONGSANG"	Wednesday, 6th Feb., 7 a.m.
BANGKOK	"HOSANG"	Thursday, 7th Feb., Noon.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"LOESANG"	Friday, 8th Feb., 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"MAUSANG"	Friday, 8th Feb., 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"ESANG"	Sunday, 10th Feb., 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW	"TAKSANG"	Wednesday, 13th Feb., 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"LAISANG"	Wednesday, 13th Feb., Noon.
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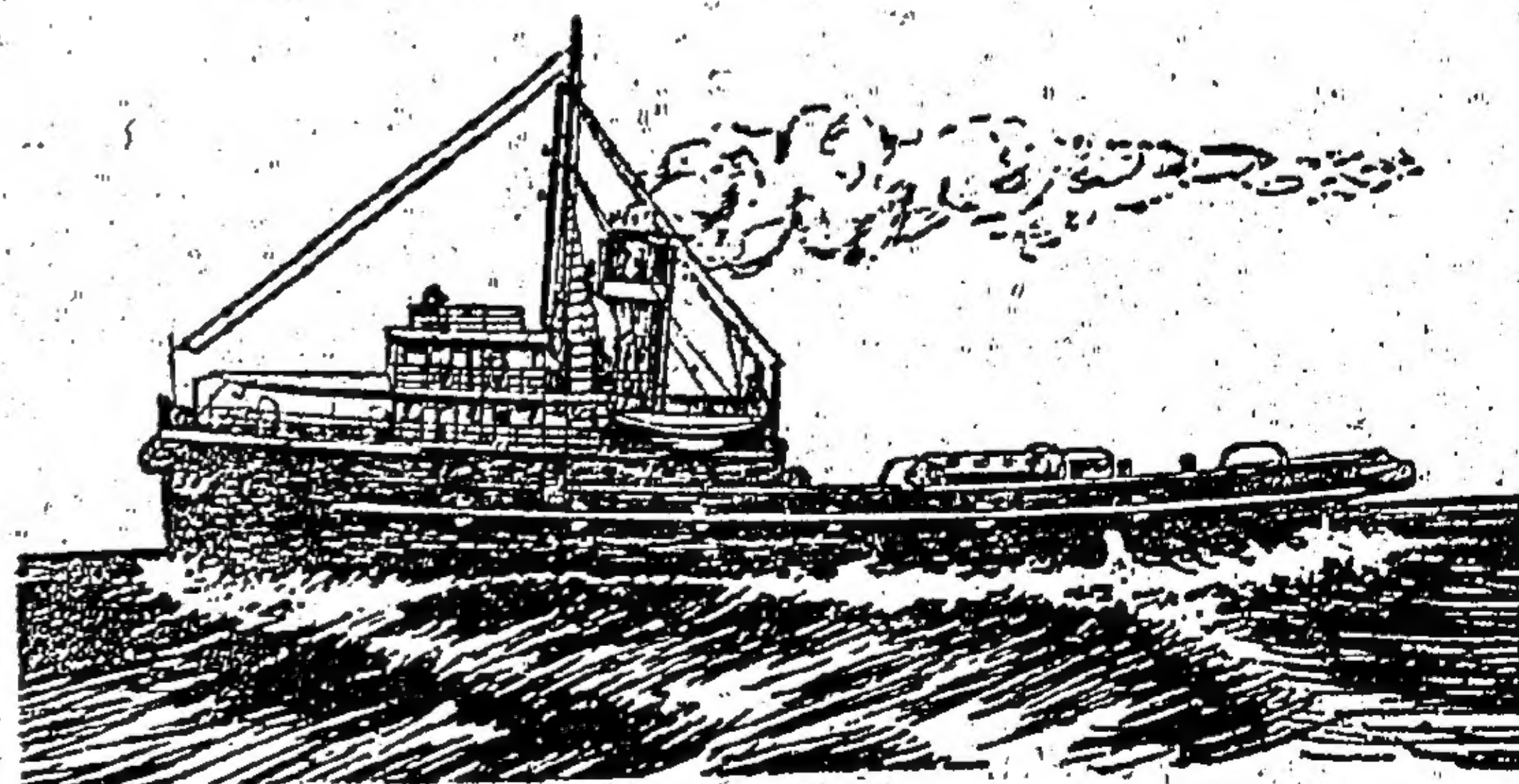
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The N.Y.K. s.s. *Akita Maru* (Alcanta line), left Kobe for Hongkong via Moji on January 20th, and is expected here on February 7th.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Hakusa Maru* (European passenger line), left Singapore for Hongkong on January 29th, and is expected here on February 3rd.

The s.s. *Dennishue* (Blue Funnel Line), from Liverpool, left Singapore on Jan. 20th for this port, and is due here on February 4th.

The s.s. *West Holbrook* sailed from Shanghai for Hongkong on January 29th.

The s.s. *President Taft* was due to sail from Kobe for Shanghai on January 30th.

The s.s. *Lake Gitano* is due to sail from Calcutta for Rangoon on February 2nd.

The Hugo Stinnes s.s. *Emil Kindorf* will leave Shanghai this morning (Friday), and is due here on February 4th (Monday).

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Anboise (M.M.), due February 5th.

Benzimer (Ben Line), due Feb. 2nd.

Bakefield (Admiral Oriental), due Feb. 6th.

Chikis (M.M.), due February 10th.

Demodocus (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 4th.

Enos (Adelaide), due Feb. 8th.

Hakusa Maru (N.Y.K.), due February 4th.

Hlyn (Blue Funnel), due 2nd inst.

Kilano Maru (N.Y.K.), due Feb. 12th.

Merionne (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 20th.

Nelue (Blue Funnel), due March 2nd.

Perim (P. & O.), due Feb. 4th, noon.

Porther (M.M.), due February 24th.

President Harrison (Dollar Line), due Feb. 11th.

Siberia Maru (T.K.K.), due Feb. 4th.

St. Albans (E. & A.), due Feb. 1st, 7 a.m.

Teirastat (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 15th.

Talou (M.M.), due February 10th.

WEATHER REPORT.

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January 31st at 17.32.—Pressure has increased slightly from Chefoo to Shanghai. It has decreased slightly from Sharp Peak to Hongkong and over the Philippines. It is stationary over Indo-China.

Moderate to light monsoon will continue along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, 31st January, 0.03 inch. Total since January 1st, 1.08 inches, against an average of 1.48 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, Feb. 1st is as follows:—

DISTRICT		FORECAST
Hongkong to Gasp Rock	{	N.E. winds, moderate; over drizzle or mist.
Formosa Channel		do.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks	{	do.
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KAMAKURA MARU Sunday, 17th Feb.

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BENGAL MARU Friday, 15th Feb.

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OSAKA MARU Friday, 15th Feb.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU Thursday, 14th Feb.

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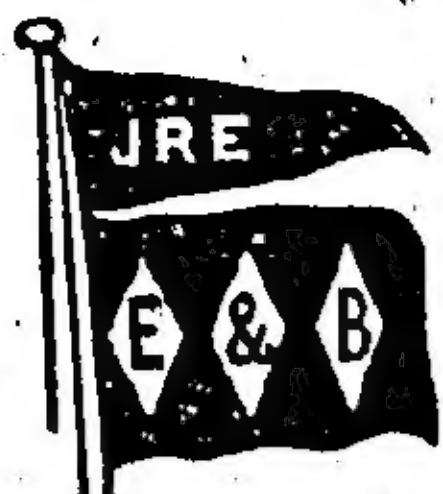
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(Occupying 9 or 10 Days)

HAIFONG	Capt. W. C. Pasmore	Friday, 1st Feb., at 1 p.m.
HAIFONG	Capt. Ellis Walker	Friday, 8th Feb., at 1 p.m.
HAICHING	Capt. A. H. Stewart	Tuesday, 12th Feb., at 1 p.m.

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S.S.	Tonnage	From Hongkong (about)	Destinations
"KASHGAR"	8,640	9th Feb. Noon	Mars., India & Awerp.
"SOUDEAN"	8,696	16th Feb.	Suez, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MOREA"	10,911	23rd Feb.	Suez, Penang, Colombo & Awerp.
"ALPORE"	8,273	27th Feb.	Singapore & Bombay.
"YAGORE"	8,283	4th March	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
"PERIM"	7,648	6th March	do.
"KARMALA"	8,068	8th March	Mars., London & Awerp.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,324	10th March	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
"NALDERA"	15,993	22nd March	Suez, Penang, Colombo & Awerp.
"PADUA"	8,907	23rd March	Suez, Penang, Colombo & Awerp.
"SICHIA"	8,813	28th March	Suez, Penang, Colombo & Awerp.
"KEYBER"	9,014	1st April	Marseilles, London & Awerp.
"CHINA"	7,982	19th April	do.
"SOUDEAN"	8,696	26th April	Suez, Penang, Colombo & Awerp.
"KALYAN"	8,118	3rd May	Marseilles, London & Awerp.
"PLASSY"	7,436	17th May	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,963	24th May	Mars., London & Awerp.
"KHIVA"	9,097	31st May	Mars., London & Awerp.
"KASHGAR"	8,640	14th June	do.
"KARMALA"	8,068	12th June	do.
"MALWA"	10,911	28th June	do.
"MOREA"	10,911	28th June	do.

BRITISH INDIA - APCAR SAILINGS

"JAPAN"	6,052	5th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TALMA"	10,000	7th Feb.	do.
"TANDA"	6,958	22nd Feb.	do.
"TAKADA"	6,949	7th March	do.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	2nd Feb. 4 p.m.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday.
"EASTERN"	4,000	27th Feb.	Island, Townsville, Brisbane.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	2nd Apr.	Sydney & Melbourne.

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The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILING TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

"EASTERN"	4,000	4th Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
"SOUDEAN"	8,696	4th Feb.	Shanghai.
"PERIM"	7,648	7th Feb. D.L.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"NALDERA"	15,993	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,949	14th Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
"KEYBER"	9,014	23rd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"PADUA"	8,907	26th Feb.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"NELLORE"	8,883	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"CHINA"	7,982	28th Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	8th Mar.	Shanghai.
"SICHIA"	8,813	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KALYAN"	8,118	22nd Mar.	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,963	4th Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th Apr.	Shanghai.
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"MOREA"	10,911	30th May	Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th June	Moji & Kobe.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.
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All Cabins are fitted with Electric Fans free of charge.
Parcels measuring not more than 24 ft. x 3 ft. x 1 ft. will be received at the Company's Office up to Noon on the day previous to sailing.
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S.S. "ISLA DE PANAY"	...	...	8th Feb.
S.S. "LEGASPI"	...	...	30th Mar.
S.S. "C. LOPEZ Y LOPEZ"	...	...	17th May.

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S.S. "LEGASPI" ... 12th Mar.
S.S. "C. LOPEZ Y LOPEZ" ... 28th Apr.

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Ports	Steamers	Date of Departure
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"HUNAN"	On 1st Feb. 8 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 2nd Feb. D.L.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWEIYANG"	On 2nd Feb. D.L.
SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 3rd Feb. D.L.
SHANGHAI	"OHUSAN"	On 4th Feb. Noon.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"ICHANG"	On 4th Feb. 4 p.m.
HAIPHONG	"SINKIANG"	On 5th Feb. 4 p.m.
MANILA	"YUNNAN"	On 5th Feb. 2 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"TAMING"	On 6th Feb. 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"KALGAN"	On 7th Feb. 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LIANGCHOW"	On 10th Feb. D.L.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 10th Feb. D.L.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On 10th Feb. 10 a.m.
HONGKONG, HOIHOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"HANYANG"	On 10th Feb. 10 a.m.

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"TAIYUAN"	14th February	19th February

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"ROSANDRA" ... sailing on or about 21st March.

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SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP—via Singapore
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"CELEES MARU" ... Wednesday, 6th Feb.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—via Saigon
Singapore, Colombo, Durban and Capetown.

"KEATELE MARU" ... Friday, 8th Feb.

BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo.
"ALPS MARU" (Calls at Penang) ... Saturday, 9th Feb.SAIGON, BANGKOK & SINGAPORE
"KISHU MARU" ... Friday, 1st Feb.CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon
"INDO MARU" ... Wednesday, 13th Feb.VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Shanghai and Japan Ports.
"ARIZONA MARU" ... Monday, 18th Feb.NEW YORK via Japan Ports, San Francisco and Panama.
"ALASKA MARU" ... End of Feb.JAPAN PORTS—Mo. Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama & Nagoya.
"LONDON MARU" ... Sunday, 24th Feb.KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.
"AMAKUSA MARU" ... Sunday, 2nd Feb. 11 a.m.TAKAO, SUSHU & AMOY.
"TAKAO MARU" ... Sunday, 10th Feb. 11 a.m.TAKAO & KEELUNG.
"BATAVIA MARU" ... Thursday, 14th Feb. 8 a.m.For further particulars please apply to—
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K. HIDA, Manager.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS:

From	Per	Date
JAPAN	St. Albans ...	1st Feb.
SHANGHAI	Wuhu ...	2nd Feb.
EUROPE via Nagasaki (letters only, London, 3rd Jan.)	Rosandra ...	2nd Feb.
SHANGHAI	Eastern ...	2nd Feb.
AUSTRALIA & MANILA	Pres. Harrison ...	3rd Feb.
U.S.A., JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Hakusan Maru ...	4th Feb.
EUROPE via Nagasaki (papers only, London, 3rd Jan.)	Perin ...	4th Feb.
SHANGHAI	Szechuan ...	4th Feb.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Pres. Jefferson ...	11th Feb.

OUTWARD MAILS:

For	Per	Date
Haitow and Haiphong	Leasing ...	Friday, 1st, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A. Central & South America, & EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO due San Francisco, 23rd Feb.	Pres. Lincoln ...	Friday, 1st, 9.00 A.M.
Formosa	Fushiki Maru ...	10.00 A.M.
Manila, Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and San Francisco due San Francisco, 2nd March	Shimo Maru ...	10.30 A.M.
Swatow Amoy and Foochow	Haichow ...	Noon
Manila	Kishi Maru ...	2.00 P.M.
Manila	Pres. Jackson ...	3.30 P.M.
Manila	Passat ...	5.00 P.M.
Manila	Szechuan ...	5.00 P.M.
Manila	Kuryang ...	5.00 P.M.
Manila	Szechuan ...	Saturday, 2nd, 9.30 A.M.
Manila	Van Olven ...	Noon
Manila	Ohmura ...	Noon
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island due Thursday Island, 15th Feb.	St. Albans ...	1.45 P.M.
Japan	Triton ...	3.30 P.M.
Shanghai & Cebu	Lake Falls ...	3.30 P.M.
Shanghai	Sunang ...	5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Amakusa Maru ...	Sunday, 3rd, 9.00 A.M.
Manila	Banks ...	Monday, 4th, 2.30 P.M.
Manila	Tjimonok ...	2.30 P.M.
Manila	Amboin ...	Registration Letters, 4.15 P.M.
Manila	Pres. Harrison ...	5.00 P.M.
Manila	Shanghai ...	5.00 P.M.
Haiphong	Yunnan ...	Wednesday, 6th, 8.30 A.M.
Manila	Tammy ...	9.00 A.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kalgan ...	9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central & South America, and EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C. due Vancouver, B.C., 25th Feb.	Emp. of Russia ...	Parcels, 4th, 9.15 A.M.
Bangkok	Hopewell ...	Registration Letters, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow	Monitor ...	10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haichow ...	Friday, 8th, Noon

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ON SHANGHAI—	Bank Bills, at sight ...	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight ...	nom.	
ON YOKOHAMA—	On demand ...	110
ON MANILA—	On demand ...	93 1/2
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ON BATAVIA—	On demand ...	126
ON HAIPHONG—	On demand ...	nom.
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 A. G. STEPHEN, Chief Manager.
 Hongkong, 14th November, 1923. (38)

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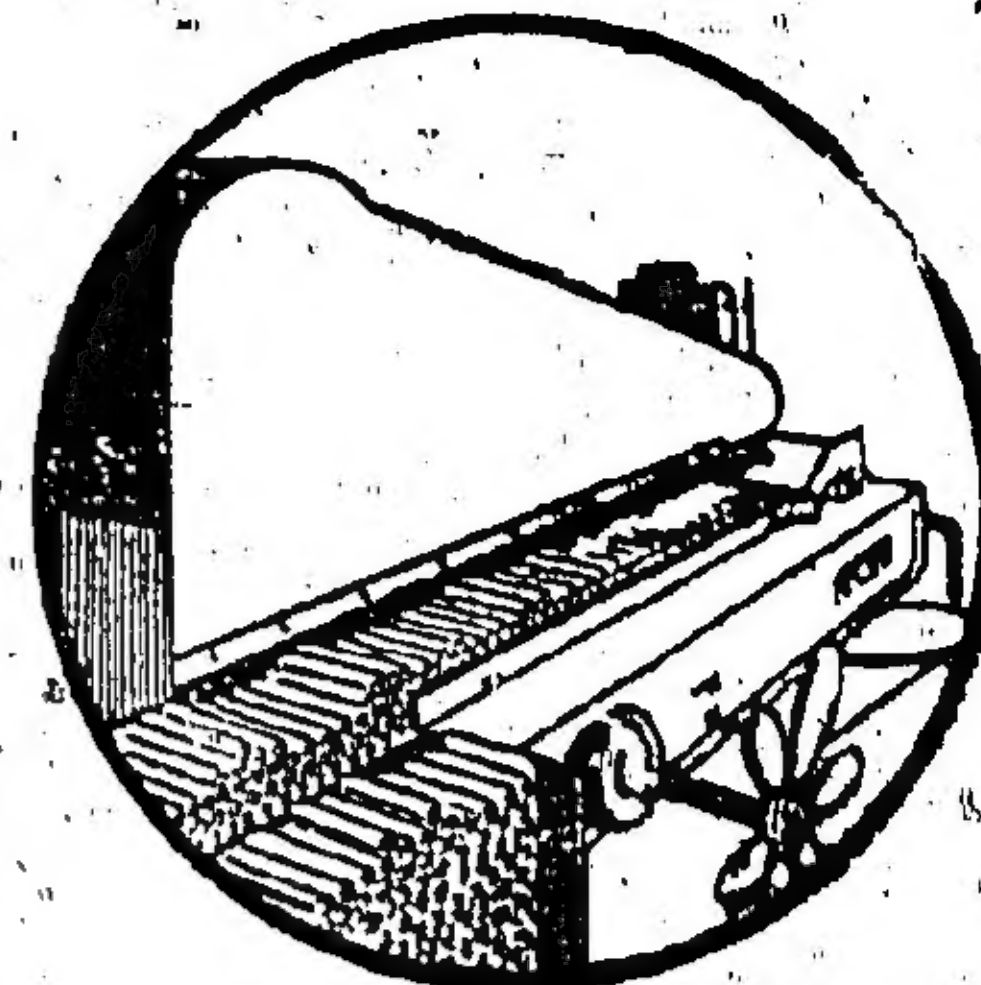
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 N. C. WILSON, Manager.
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 O. E. GOY, Manager.
 Hongkong, December 18th, 1923. (31)

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HEAD OFFICE:
 No. 10, Des Voeux Road C., HONGKONG.

Authorized Capital ... \$10,000,000
 Paid-up Capital ... \$5,000,000
 Reserve Fund ... \$5,000,000

DIRECTORS:
 Mr. Pong Wai Tung, Chairman.
 Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son, Mr. Kan Ying Po, Mr. Mok Ching Kong, Mr. Li Koon Chun, Mr. Wong Yun Tong, Mr. Fung Ping Shan, Mr. Chan Ching Shek, Mr. P. K. Kwok, Mr. Ng Chang Lok, Mr. Huiyeh.

Chief Manager ... Mr. Kan Tong Po.
 Asst. Manager ... Mr. Li Tai Fong.

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 For 9 months at the rate of 5 1/2 per cent. per annum
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 KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.
 Hongkong, December 31st, 1923. (34)

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 T. NISHITAMA, Manager.
 Hongkong, 17th Sept., 1923. (35)

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Authorized Capital Guilder 150,000,000
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 TSUYEE PEI, Manager.
 Hongkong, September 22nd, 1921. (32)

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